

Masonic Field Trip Travel Schedule

November 29, 2014

We will meet at Grand Lodge at 8:00 AM and leave promptly at 8:30 AM for our first stop. I strongly suggest that people car pool from Grand Lodge, as parking is somewhat limited at a few sites. Below are provided location information for each site. Most sites have no numbered addresses so I have provided street intersections for your GPS navigation units.

We will be doing a fair amount of walking, with a couple of sites having some incline walking. Please dress appropriately for cold weather. In the event of inclement weather, unless it is raining or snowing heavily, we will go ahead with the trip. If the forecast is for bad weather I will make a decision on Friday evening at 9:00 PM. You will receive an email if the trip is postponed, if you are receiving this by email. So please check your email Friday evening, you can also call me on Saturday morning from 7:00 AM (401-954-3829) until the time of departure.

We have an aggressive schedule and limited daylight hours at this time of the year so please bring a lunch or snacks for the trip, as we will not have time to stop for lunch. There are no restroom facilities at any of the sites except the last stop at Fort Adams. We will be crossing the Newport Bridge twice. The toll for the bridge is \$4.00 each way unless you have EZ-Pass.

There is a **\$12.00 field trip fee** for each adult in attendance. This fee is equal to the admission charge at Fort Adams State Park. All fees will be targeted to support the archive/archaeological project at the Fort headed by Matthew "Doc" Perry who will be our guide for the visit. Please make checks payable to **Fort Adams Trust** with "archives" written in the memo area of the check.

A reservation for the trip is requested. If you have already contacted me please do so again. A Field Trip guide will be provided, but I need to know you are coming to make sure we have enough guides. Please provide names for all attendees.

Providence City Overlook/Fort Hill,

East Providence

Overlook turnout is located on the west side of Veteran's Parkway between Putnam and Hamilton Streets. The location is at the start of Veteran's Parkway as you come off of I-195, as you ascend a slight hill you will see it immediately on the right. Pull in here.

Fort Barton

Tiverton

The Fort is located just off of Rt. 77. The Fort is located at 343 Highland Rd. directly across the street from the Tiverton Town Hall. Take Rt. 77 exit off of Rt. 24, travel south and take a left on Lawton Ave. The road terminates at Fort Barton.

Butt's Hill Fort

Portsmouth

The Fort is located at the end of Butt's St., which is at the intersection of Sprague St. and Butt's St. This intersection is almost directly across the street from St. John's Lodge No. 1. Butt's is a very short street, at the end turn left on a short dirt road and pull into what was the center of the Fort.

East Passage Overlook (Battle of RI)

Portsmouth

The overlook is located on the west side of Rt. 114 (West Main Rd.) at the intersection with Anselmo Dr. When leaving Butt's Fort turn left on Sprague St. continue short distance to the traffic light bear left and this becomes Rt. 114 (south), the overlook turnout is a short distance on the right.

Conanicut Battery

Jamestown

From the East Passage overlook continue south on Rt. 114/138 to Newport and follow directions to the Newport Bridge. After crossing the bridge take immediate exit and turn left on Canonicus Ave. continue to south to Hamilton Ave. and take a right. Proceed on Hamilton Ave. and it will cross Mackerel Cove. Immediately after the cove you will see the entrance sign to Fort Getty on the right, travel past this a short distance to Battery Lane on the right, turn here and the Battery Park is just a short distance along the road.

Beavertail Point – Whiting Battery

Jamestown

Leave Battery Rd. and turn right on Beavertail Rd. Travel to the lighthouse at the point and park just beyond the lighthouse in the parking area on the return loop road.

Fort Adams

Newport

Return to the Newport Bridge. After crossing the bridge look for the signs for "downtown" and Fort Adams. The Fort is located at 90 Fort Adams Dr.

This is the termination of the field trip. All are invited to attend the Youth Committee Star Party hosted by Charity Lodge No. 23 at 6:00 PM.