

Flanders' Road Trip to East Coast – Fall 2000

All Itinerary Details Subject to Change without Notice

Wednesday, September 20

- 12:00 Dress for trip – diabetes walk T-shirts/ jeans
- 12:30 Check list – suburban loaded/ lights, computers, stove & oven off/ trash out/ arrangements made for dogs & mail/ doors & windows locked/ blinds drawn/ dirty laundry to garage hampers/ sprinklers & thermostat reset/ fridge emptied/ houseplants well watered/ fresh sheets on beds
- 1:00 Pray/ set trip odometer to 000
- 1:15 Lunch at Jack-in-the-Box before we leave
- 2:00 **Tyler, TX → Little Rock, AR** via 155/ 59 to Texarkana, I-30, I-430 (314 mi)
Listen: Geography Songs – Eastern US Border
Books on Tape – My Brother Sam is Dead (Collier) – 45 min.
Great Wars of America – Tapes 3-4 of Revolution – 2 hrs.
Travel bags: folders w/US maps, map pencils (note license plates)
Snacks: Cheetos, bottled water (sport cap)
- 7:00 Hotel check-in:
Best Western Governor's Inn Suites – p. 268
1501 Merrill (1/2 mi west of I-430 off Rodney Parham). Phone (501) 224-8051.
One non-smoking room w/2 double beds + sofa sleeper for 2 adults/ 7 children (kids 12 and under stay free in parents' room). Includes full breakfast buffet.
Cancel by 6 PM day of arrival. \$80.10 (AAA rate – show card).
Confirmation # 153804
- 8:00 Rebekah's antibiotics

Thursday, September 21

- 7:00 Up and dress – New Orleans T-shirts/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah's antibiotics
- 8:00 Hot breakfast buffet at hotel
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:15 **Little Rock, AR → Memphis, TN** via I-430N/ I-40E (137 mi)
Listen: Books on Tape – Thankyou, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Tate) –2 hrs.
Travel bags: State crosswords, timeline activities
- 11:15 Visit National Civil Rights Museum - p. 136
450 Mulberry Street (between Vance and Calhoun). Phone (901) 521-9699.
Museum is housed in the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
Open 9-8 on Thursdays. \$6 adults, \$4 children 4-17, free under 4.
- 12:30 Lunch in Memphis
- 1:30 Visit Memphis Pink Palace Museum - p. 136
3050 Central Ave. Phone (901) 320-6320

Museum is housed in 1920's pink marble home of Piggly-Wiggly grocery entrepreneur Clarence Saunders.

Open 9-8 on Thursdays. No charge for DSP members w/up to 10 children.

- 3:00 **Memphis, TN → Nashville, TN** via I-40 (210 mi)
Snacks: juice boxes, carrot sticks, beef jerky
Listen: Books on Tape – Thankyou, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Tate) – 3½ hrs.
Travel bags: Learning Wrap-Ups (State & Capitols, Antonyms, Homonyms)
- 6:30 Eat dinner in Nashville
- 7:30 Hotel Check-in:
Baymont Inn Nashville West (White Bridge Road) – p.360
5612 Lenox Ave. Phone (615) 353-0700 or (800) 789-4103.
One non-smoking room w/2 double beds + crib for 2 adults, didn't ask # of children. Includes free breakfast. Cancel by 6 PM day of arrival.
\$73 +13¼% tax –10% AAA discount (show card).
Confirmation # 0018-4168-90
- 8:00 Rebekah's antibiotics

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 Up and dress – yellow polos/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah's antibiotics
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:30 Visit Upper Room Chapel and Museum – p. 152
1908 Grand Ave (1.5 blocks off 21st Ave S). Phone (615) 340-7207
Museum features Ernest Pellegrini's 8'x17' woodcarving of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper", which took 50 men 14 months to carve, as well as religious paintings dating from 1300.
Open Mon. – Fri. 8-4:30. Donations.
- note Next visit to Nashville, see Hermitage (home of Andrew Jackson)
- 11:00 Lunch in Nashville
- 12:00 **Nashville, TN → Roanoke, VA** via I-40/ I-81 (370 mi)
Listen: 100 Greatest People – Leonardo da Vinci
Geography Songs – Eastern US Border
Books on Tape – The Fighting Ground (Avi) – 3½ hrs.
Snacks: bottled water, Famous Amos cookies
Travel bags: coloring books, crayons
- 2:00 Set watches ahead one hour (Eastern Time)
- 7:00 Hotel check-in:
Roanoke Amerisuites at Valley View – p. 705
I-581, exit 3E Hershberger Rd to 5040 Valley View Rd. Phone (540) 366-4700.
One non-smoking suite w/ 2 double beds and sofa sleeper for 2 adults, 7 kids.
Includes full breakfast buffet. \$80 (AAA discount).
Confirmation # P57 997.
- 8:00 Rebekah's antibiotics

Saturday, September 23

- 7:00 Up and dress – red polos/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 8:00 Breakfast buffet/ check-out
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:15 **Roanoke, VA → Williamsburg, VA** via I-81 N to I-64 E (237 mi)
Listen: Books on Tape – Ben and Me (Lawson) – 1¾ hrs.
Ballads of American History – Roanoke and Jamestown
Little Bear Tape 1 – American Revolution, Stamp Act, Boston Tea Party, British Battle Tactics, The Lexington and Concord “Shot Heard Round the World”
Little Bear Tape 2 – Bunker Hill, Fort Ticonderoga, Henry Knox, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell
Snacks: Sourdough pretzels, juice boxes
Travel bags: embroidery floss bracelets/ Cheerio board books
- 1:00 Lunch in Williamsburg
- 2:00 Visitor’s Center – p. 293
Get a copy of this week’s “Visitor’s Companion”. Note children’s activities.
- 2:15 Hotel Check-in:
Williamsburg Woodlands – p. 772
102 Visitor Center Dr. on SR 132. Phone (800) 447-8679 or (757) 229-1000.
One non-smoking suite with 1 King, 1 pull-down Murphy double, 1 double sofa sleeper, and 1 twin roll-away for 2 adults, 4 children 6-12, 3 babies for 3 nights.
Williamsburg Woodlands features Cascades restaurant, miniature golf, children’s playground, 3 pools (wading, diving, lap), and laundry facilities.
Package includes breakfast daily + length-of-stay passes to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Carter’s Grove, DeWitt Wallace Gallery, Governor’s Palace and Bassett Hall. Cancel 3 days before date of arrival.
\$706 total (includes gratuities). Confirmation # NKSTF. Cancellation #RLZVF.
- 3:00 Tour Carter’s Grove – p. 290
Includes Robert “King” Carter’s mansion, built 1750-53, by his grandson.
Open Tues-Sun 9-4. Free admission with length-of-stay pass.
- 5:00 Dinner in Williamsburg
- 7:00 7:00 Evening program – Lantern Light Tour
Make reservations well in advance: \$12 adults, \$9 children 6-12, \$5 under 6
- 8:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics

Sunday, September 24

- 7:00 Up and dress – Colonial garb
- 7:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 8:00 Take Christmas picture (use tripod)!!

- 8:30 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:15 Ride shuttle to Colonial Williamsburg
Tour Williamsburg, and do not miss the following stops:
Powell House – children may join in doing chores with a colonial family
Brickyard – remove shoes and help make bricks to be later used on site
Governor’s Palace – home two 7 royal governors, P. Henry & T. Jefferson
DeWitt Wallace Gallery –10,000+ decorative objects dating 1600-1830
Bassett Hall? – reservations required, (800) 447-8679.
Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Center – 18th-20th century folk art. Closed Thur.
- 5:00 Dinner at King’s Tavern? Make reservations in advance.
- 7:00 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 7:30 Laundry!!!
Bring detergent, quarters, and dry cleaning supplies from home.

Monday, September 25

- 7:00 Up and dress – Colonial garb?
- 7:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Visit Yorktown – pp.294-295.
Off I-64 exit 247 on Old SR 238. Phone (757) 253-4838. Visit museum and Continental Army encampment and an 18th Century farm. Open daily 9-5. Admission to Victory Center included with length-of-stay pass.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Tour Jamestown Original Site – p. 287
View ruins of original colony, as well as artifacts excavated from the site.
Let children earn a badge from Jr. Park Rangers program (\$2 each).
Watch glass-blowing demonstrations.
Open daily 8:30-4:30. Admission: \$5 adult. Children under 17 are free.
Price of admission possibly included with length of stay pass? Ask.
- 2:30 Tour Jamestown Settlement – p. 289
Outdoor living history museum, next to Jamestown, the original site. Includes full-scale reproductions of 17th century sailing vessels *Discovery*, *Godspeed*, and *Susan Constant*, Powhatan Indian Village as it was encountered by English settlers in 1607, and James Fort where costumed interpreters demonstrate gardening, cooking, carpentry, blacksmithing and military activities. Open daily 9-5. Phone (757) 253-4838.
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Putt-Putt golf at Williamsburg Woodlands?
- 7:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 7:45 Write notes to the Babers and leave them in the Gideon Bible, write postcards to friends and family back home (to mail from Smithsonian tomorrow)

Tuesday, September 26

- 7:00 Up and dress – red polos/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:15 **Williamsburg, VA → Alexandria, VA** via I-64/ I-95/ Hwy 1 (135 mi)
Listen: Your Story Hour – George Washington
Travel bags: George W. Bush buttons
- 11:30 Lunch in Alexandria
- 12:30 Tour Mount Vernon – p. 118
At South end of George Washington Pkwy. Phone (703) 780-2000.
Open daily 9-5. Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-11, free under 6.
- 2:00 **Alexandria, VA → Washington, DC** via Hwy 1 (10 mi)
Listen: Songs of the US Presidents
- 2:30 Tour US Capitol – p.88
Capitol Hill. Phone (202) 225-6827.
Free 30-minute guided tours Mon.- Sat. 9:30-3:30.
Get Senate & House Gallery passes from Rep. Hall (rmhall@mail.house.gov).
Stop by his office – 2221 Rayburn House Office Building. (202) 225-6673.
Must pick up passes and tomorrow’s White House tickets in advance.
- 3:30 Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building – pp. 77-78
Across from Capitol at 1st and Independence. (202) 707-6590.
View 12-minute film inside West Front Entrance Visitor’s Center.
Magnificent, richly ornamental Italian Renaissance architecture built in 1897.
Open Mon. – Sat. 10:00 – 5:30. Free tour begins at 4:00.
- 5:00 Hotel check-in:
Courtyard by Marriott – Convention Center – pp. 385-386
900 F Street NW at 9th Avenue. (202) 638-4600.
One room with one king bed + sofa sleeper for 2 adults, 7 children.
Includes continental breakfast. Features indoor pool and whirlpool.
\$214 per night. Cancel by 6 PM day of arrival. Cancel 2nd night at front desk.
Confirmation #81969553. Cancellation # 37781310 (Embassy Suites).
- 5:30 Dinner in DC – Old Ebbitt Grill? – p.416
675 15th Street SW, one block east of White House. Phone (202) 347-4800.
(Within easy walking distance from hotel)
Features casual dress, children’s menu, and great clam chowder.
Dinner: \$9-\$19. Accepts MC, DS, VI.
- 6:30 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 7:00 Tour monuments at night –
Lincoln Memorial – interpretive tours given by request 8 am-midnight (p. 78)
FDR Memorial – park rangers available 8am-midnight (p. 75)
Jefferson Memorial – tours given by request until midnight (pp. 87-88)
Washington Monument – only open 9-5 this time of year (pp.90-91)

Wednesday, September 27

- 6:30 Up and dress – “Republican Party of Texas” T-shirts / jeans
- 6:45 Rebekah’s antibiotics
- 7:15 Continental breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 White House – p. 91
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Phone (202) 456-7041. Tour begins @ 8:15.
(Bring tickets from Congressman Hall’s office)
- 9:30 Stop by Old County Store Post Office
(near Constitution Ave. entrance of Nat. Museum of American History)
Mail postcards (will be stamped “Smithsonian Station”).
- 10:00 National Museum of American History – p. 81-82
Constitution Ave. between 12th and 14th. Phone (202) 357-2700.
Highlights: Star-Spangled Banner, George Washington’s tent, an Edison light bulb, First Ladies’ gowns. First floor devoted to science and technology, second to social and political history, third to money, musical instruments, misc. Open daily 10-5:30. Free admission.
- 11:00 National Museum of Natural History – p.82
10th Street and Constitution Ave. Phone (202) 357-2700.
Highlights: African bush elephant, the renowned Hope diamond, life-size model of blue whale, dinosaurs, tarantula feedings daily at the insect zoo.
Open daily 10-5:30. Free admission
- 12:00 Lunch (Food court in Nat. Gallery of Art?) – p. 80
Constitution Ave. Phone (202) 737-4215.
See West Building. Houses the only painting by Leonardo da Vinci in the Western Hemisphere. Guided tour of West building offered Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 and 3:30. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Sun 11-6. Free admission.
- 1:30 Admire Grant Memorial (in passing) – p. 78
East end of Mall – one of world’s largest equestrian statues.
- 2:00 National Air and Space Museum – p. 79
7th Street and Independence Ave. Phone (202) 357-2700.
Showcases the Wright Bros. 1903 Flyer, Charles Lindbergh’s *Spirit of St. Louis*, John Glenn’s spacecraft *Friendship 7*, the Apollo 11 Command Module and a Viking Mars Lander. Open daily 9-5:30. Free admission.
- 3:30 Smithsonian Castle
- 4:15 FBI building
- note Next visit – do not miss National Museum of American Art, National Portrait Gallery, and US Botanical Gardens – all currently closed for renovations.
Also make time to see National Postal Museum, National Cathedral, National Geographic Building (World’s largest freestanding globe), Arlington National Cemetery and Newseum (in Arlington).
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 6:15 **Washington, DC → Gettysburg, PA** via 270 to Fredrick, then Hwy 15 (85 mi)
Listen: 100 Greatest People – Abraham Lincoln
Your Story Hour – Abraham Lincoln speaks in Gettysburg

- Travel Bags: Pictures to color from Dover Civil War coloring book
- 7:45 Hotel check-in:
Hampton Inn – p. 345B
1280 York Rd (just W on US 30 from jct. US 15). Phone (717) 338-9121.
One 2-room suite with 2 double beds, 1 king for 2 adults, 7 children.
Includes continental breakfast. \$134 + tax.
Confirmation # 8453 2837.
- 8:00 Rebekah's antibiotics

Thursday, September 28

- 7:00 Up and dress – dark green polos/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah's antibiotics
- 8:00 Continental breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Visit Gettysburg Cyclorama Center – p. 107B
View Philippoteauz's 1884 painting "Pickett's Charge" sound/ light program.
Admission \$3 adults, \$2 ages 6-15, free under 6.
- 10:00 Tour Gettysburg battle field
Let kids earn patches from National Park Service
Listen to "The Civil War Battle" during drive? Order tape by sending \$14.95 to
CCInc/ PO Box 227/ Allendale, NJ 07401. Phone (201) 236-1666.
- 12:00 Lunch in Gettysburg
- 12:45 Pray/ Check gas
- 1:00 **Gettysburg, PA → Hershey, PA** via 15, I-76, US 283, 322 (50 mi)
Listen: The Canada Geese Quilt (Kinsey-Warnock) – 1 hr.
- 2:00 Visit Hershey's Chocolate World – p. 112B
On Park Blvd. Phone (717) 534-4900. A 12-minute automated tour ride
explains the chocolate making process from harvesting the cocoa bean to
packaging the candy bar. Mon-Sat 9-5. Free admission.
- 3:00 **Hershey, PA → Lancaster, PA** via 743S to 283E (30 mi)
Listen: Geography Songs – States and Capitols
- 3:45 Landis Valley Museum? – p. 129B
2.5 mi north on Oregon Pike (SR 272). Phone (717) 569-0401.
Living-history museum which interprets Pennsylvania German rural life 1750-
1940. Open Mon.-Sat. 9-5. Admission: \$7 adult, \$5 ages 6-12, \$19 family rate.
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 **Lancaster, PA → Philadelphia, PA** via 23NE to 76E (83 mi)
Listen: 100 Greatest People – Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson
- 7:30 Hotel Check-In:
Independence Park Inn – p. 430B
Phone (215) 922-4443
One room with 2 Queen beds. Includes continental breakfast served 7-10 am
and afternoon tea and cookies. \$135 + tax (AAA rate).
Confirmation # 111114 (Dan).
- 8:00 Ask concierge about Pat's (home of the original, Philadelphia cheesesteak

- sandwich) or other possible eateries along walking route
- 8:15 Rebekah's antibiotics

Friday, September 29

- 7:00 Up and dress – kelly green T-shirts/ jeans
- 7:30 Rebekah's antibiotics
- 8:00 Eat breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Begin walking tour of historic downtown Philadelphia
Pack snacks/drinks in diaper bag 9:15 Independence Park Visitors Center
2nd Street between Chestnut and Market.
- 9:30 Christ Church (Episcopal) – p. 141b
2nd Street between Market and Arch. Phone (215) 922-1695.
Church home to 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Brass plates mark pews once occupied by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Betsy Ross. Contains one of the oldest Palladian windows in North America. Open Mon.-Sat. 9-5. Donations.
- 10:00 Betsy Ross House – p. 141B
239 Arch Street. Phone (215) 627-5343.
Home where Colonial seamstress stitched the first American flag in 1777. Open Tues.-Sun. 10-5. Donations.
- 10:30 Elfreth's Alley – p. 142B
North of Arch Street between Front and 2nd St. Phone (215)574-0560.
Six-foot wide street lined with quaint restored houses, which have stood since days of Penn's Greene Countrie Towne. For information on all the buildings, stop by Elfreth's Alley Museum, 126 Elfreth. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-4. Museum admission: \$2 adult, \$1 ages 5-14, \$5 family rate (2 parents + up to 3 children).
- 11:15 Fireman's Hall – p.143B
147 N. 2nd Street above Arch. Phone (215) 923-1438.
Museum housed in a firehouse built in 1876. Depicts history of fire fighting. Open Tues.-Sat. 9-4:30. Free admission.
- 12:00 Eat packed snacks – beef jerky, fruit snacks, cheese and crackers, juice boxes
- 12:30 Arch Street Meeting House – p. 137B
320 Arch Street. Phone (215) 627-2667.
Built in 1800's to serve as annual gathering place for Quakers. Exhibits and video presentation explain history of Society of Friends. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-4. Donations.
- 1:00 United States Mint – p. 147B
5th and Arch Streets. Phone (215) 408-0114.
Offers self-guiding audiotape tours, which take about 45 minutes. No cameras. Open Mon.-Fri. 9-4:30. Free admission.
- 1:45 Benjamin Franklin's Grave – p. 141B
5th and Arch in Christ Church Burial Ground. Franklin and 4 other signers buried here. Tours only by appt, but Franklin's grave will be visible from street.
- 2:00 Liberty Bell Pavilion – p. 145B

- 5th, 6th, Market and Chestnut Streets. Phone (215) 597-8974.
Park rangers relate Bell's history, daily 9-5. Free.
- 2:30 Philadelphia Bourse – p. 148B
Renovated merchants exchange houses shops and restaurants on first floor.
 - 3:00 Independence Hall & Congress Hall & Old City Hall – p. 144-145
On Chestnut Street between 5th and 6th. Phone (215) 597-8974.
Independence Hall open daily 9-5. Other building hours vary.
 - 3:45 Second Bank of the United States – p. 145
420 Chestnut Street. Phone (215) 597-8974.
Home to Independence National Park Portrait Gallery.
Building hours vary. Free admission.
 - 4:00 Carpenter's Hall – p.144
320 Chestnut Street. Phone (215) 925-0167.
Lent by the Carpenter's Company of Philadelphia for the First Continental Congress in 1774. Now houses a collection of early carpentry tools, as well as chairs used by the Congress. An 11-minute film presentation chronicles history of Carpenter's Co. Open Tues.-Sun. 10-4. Free admission.
 - 4:30 Dinner – get change for tolls!
 - 5:30 Pray/ Check gas
 - 5:45 **Philadelphia, PA → Plymouth, MA** consult NJ and MA maps (300 mi)
Listen: 50 Greatest Composers – Bach, Mozart
Little Bear Tape 3 –Declaration of Independence, Miracle of Long Island, Joseph White Patriot, Prisoners of the Revolution
Little Bear Tape 4 – Valley Forge, Peter Miller, Battle of Monmouth, Battle of Yorktown, America the Beautiful
Ballads of American History – 13 Colonies, The Constitution
Snack: Fruity snacks, bottled water
Travel Bags: Modeling beeswax, activity workbooks
 - 10:30 Hotel Check-In:
John Carter Inn – p. 435B
One room w/2 double beds + crib for 2 adults, 7 kids (computer only accepts 3).
Cancel w/n 48 hours of making reservation to avoid being billed full price of \$127.38 (already charged to VISA)
Confirmation # 21102. Reserved 6/24/00.

Saturday, September 30

- 7:00 Up for a swim (Indoor pool – Mayflower theme), then dress – yellow polos
- 8:00 Pack bags, hotel check-out
- 8:30 Breakfast somewhere??
- 9:30 Plimoth Plantation – p. 168
Plimoth Plantation Hwy to exit 4 off SR 3. Phone (508) 746-1622.
Living history museum of 17th century Plymouth.
Open daily 9-5. Combination admission tickets to Plantation and *Mayflower II*:
\$19 adult, \$9 ages 6-12, ages 5 and under free (\$2 off with AAA card).

- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 *Mayflower II* – p. 168
Moored at State Pier. Phone (508) 746-1622.
Reproduction of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to the New World.
Exhibition on the dock relates the story of their 66-day voyage.
Open daily 9-5. Buy combination ticket with admission to Plimoth Plantation.
- 3:00 **Plymouth, MA → Boston, MA** via Hwy 3 (40 mi)
Listen: Ballads of American History – “The Plymouth Colony”
100 Greatest People – John Locke
- 4:00 Eat at Durgin Park (Baber’s recommendation) – p. 289
In North Market building of Faneuil Market Place. Phone (617) 227-2038.
No reservations accepted. May have to wait an hour for your seats.
Generous portions of traditional New England fare, including fresh seafood and homemade dessert. Served by spicy waitresses at family-style tables. MC, VI.
- 5:00 Browse Faneuil Market
- 6:30 Hotel Check-in:
The Susse Chalet Inn – p. 287, 295
Phone (617) 287-9200; (800) 886-0056
One non-smoking room with 2 double beds + crib. Includes breakfast.
2 adults, didn’t ask # children.
\$157.23 +tax (AAA rate)
Confirmation #2-164673
- 7:00 Laundry!!

Sunday, October 1

- 7:00 Up and Dress – red polos/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Boston National Historic Park Visitor’s Center – p. 107
15 State Street, across from the Old State House. Phone (617) 242-5642.
See 8-minute slide show to get overview of Boston’s Colonial history.
Clean, public restrooms – use them before beginning the walk! Pack drinks/snacks in diaper bag.
- 10:00 Freedom Trail – p. 107, 113-114
Begins at information center on the Common. Phone 242-5642.
Free 90 minute walking tour offered at 10, 11, 1 and 2 on Sundays,
conducted by Park Rangers.
Follow the red line to sites, which include:
Boston Common – 44 acres of property kept as “common” ground for the
benefit, or punishment, of citizens. Cattle and sheep grazed there,
soldiers trained, and miscreants were put in stocks or executed beneath
its trees.
Shaw Memorial – a bronze bas-relief recalling the first black regiment to serve
in the Civil War – p. 112.

- State House – Note the copper-clad dome, forged in Paul Revere’s foundry and painted gold after the Civil War. This building became the model for others like it throughout the colonies, including the US Capitol. Statues, historical paintings, battle flags and war relics displayed inside. Free admission. (Closed Sundays).
- Park Street Church – Built in 1809, this was the scene of William Lloyd Garrison’s first anti-slavery address in 1829.
- Granury Burying Ground – Interred on the grounds are three signers of the Declaration of Independence – John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Robert Treat Paine – as well as Paul Revere, Peter Faneuil, Boston Massacre victims, and Benjamin Franklin’s parents. *Gravestone rubbings are not permitted in this or any other Boston cemetery– p. 108.
- King’s Chapel – The wooden original was erected in 1687, the first Anglican Church in America. Since the puritan settlers had fled England to get away from what they considered Anglican heresy, the church was not welcomed. The present granite building was erected around the original structure, to avoid interrupting services. The old building was then torn down and passed, piece by piece, through the windows – p. 69AE.
- Old City Hall – Note the two statues in front. One is of Benjamin Franklin, who despite being so closely associated with Philadelphia, was born in Boston. The other is Josiah Quincy, Boston’s second mayor and the builder of Quincy Market, soon to be seen on this walk – p. 70AE.
- Old Corner Bookstore – (at the end of School Street, on the left) occupied in 1833 by publishers Ticknor and Fields, it subsequently became the meeting place of several of that firm’s most renowned authors, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, James Russell Lowell, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, John Whittier, Alfred Tennyson, Robert Browning, and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Even Charles Dickens dropped by – p. 70AE.
- Old South Meeting House – The second oldest church in the city, “Old South” became a principal meeting place for agitated Bostonians during the years before the revolution. The Boston Tea Party was launched from behind these doors – p. 70AE.
- Old State House – In 1776, the new Declaration of Independence was first read from the balcony at the harbor end of the building. Notice the silver unicorn and golden lion on the roofline. These are replicas of the originals, which were torn down and burned during the Revolution as symbols of the hated monarchy. —pp. 70-71AE.
- Faneuil Hall – focal point for Boston’s #1 tourist attraction, Faneuil Hall Market Place. The statue in front is of Sam Adams – p. 72AE.
- Paul Revere House – The oldest house in downtown Boston, it was built in 1680, almost 100 years before being bought by Paul Revere. This is where Revere raised his 16 children (by two wives), although they did not all live here at the same time. This was the waterfront in his time, all of the land on the other side of the square being later created by landfill.

House contains 17th and 18th-century furnishings. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1 ages 5-17. – p.111, p. 72AE.

Old North Church – The first peal on this continent sounded from this church in 1744. On the evening of April 18, 1775, a sexton displayed two lanterns in the steeple to signal the departure of the British from Boston. Call (617) 523-6676 for information about “Paul Revere Tonight” and “Behind the Scenes” – p.110.

Charles River Dam Visitor’s Information Center – Free tour available daily 9-3. Phone (617) 727-1188, ext. 445 – p. 103

Charlestown Navy Yard

USS Constitution – 54-gun frigate nicknamed *Old Ironsides* due to its engagements with the British in the War of 1812. It is purportedly the oldest commissioned ship in the world. Constructed of live oak and red cedar timbers secured by bolts and copper sheathing made by Paul Revere, it was first launched in 1797. Free admission. – p. 106.

Bunker Hill Monument – Marks site of the Battle of Bunker Hill, fought June 17, 1775. Open daily 9-4:30. Free Admission. – p. 103.

“Whites of their Eyes” – multi-media reenactment of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Daily 9:30-4:30 in the Bunker Hill Pavilion on the Freedom Trail next to *USS Constitution*. Admission: \$3 adult, \$1.50 ages 5-18, \$8 family. – p. 112.

- 12:30 Eat lunch
- 1:30 Children’s Wharf Museum – p.107
300 Congress St. Phone (617) 426-8855.
Three floors of hands-on exhibits featuring boats and water play, giant building toys, raceways, bubbles, a climbing maze, Arthur’s World and children’s theater. Open daily 10-5, and until 9 on Fridays. No charge with DSP membership.
- note Next trip visit Boston Tea Party Museum? – p. 103
Congress Street Bridge on Harbor Walk. Phone (617) 338-1773.
Re-enactment every half-hour daily 9-5. Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 ages 4-12.
- 3:30 Visit Harvard Campus in Cambridge – pp. 121-122
Harvard University Natural History Museum (24 Oxford St), esp. Botanical Museum to see the Ware Collection of glass flowers: over 3000 individual blooms created by German artists and glassblowers, Leopold Blaschka and his son Rudolph, between 1887-1937. Phone (617) 495-1910.
Admission: \$5 adult, \$3 ages 3-13. Closes at 5 PM.
- 5:00 Dinner – La Famiglia? (McCarty’s recommendation)
- 6:00 **Boston, MA → West Springfield, MA** via I-90 (90 mi)
Listen: 100 Greatest Books – The Scarlet Letter (Hawthorne) – 1½ hr.
- 7:30 Hotel Check-in:
Best Western Sovereign Hotel & Conference Center – p. 453
I-91, exit 13B, just south 1080 Riverdale St. (413) 781-8750.
One room with 2 double beds. Indoor, heated pool. Didn’t ask # occupants.
\$98.10 (AAA rate). Three-day cancellation notice.
Confirmation # 44289

Monday, October 2

- 7:00 Up and dress – New Orleans T-shirts/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 **West Springfield, MA → Albany, NY** via I-90 (76 mi)
Listen: Geography Songs – States and Capitols
100 Greatest People – Eli Whitney
- 10:30 Visit Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza – p. 56
Downtown between Madison Ave. and State St. Phone (518) 473-7521.
Art Museum tour available by appointment. Observation deck of the 42-story Corning Tower Building open daily 10-3:45. Free tours of the New York State Capitol building at Washington Ave, Swan, State and Eagle Streets given daily at 10, 12, 2 and 3. Note carvings on the Million-Dollar Staircase, which depict famous people in American history, and friends and relatives of the artists.
- 12:00 Lunch in Albany
- 1:00 **Albany, NY → Niagara Falls, NY** via I-90 (317 mi)
Listen: Books on Tape – My Side of the Mountain (George) – 4 hrs.
Snack: beef jerky, cheese & crackers, juice boxes
Travel bags: Quickpoint canvas w/ large needles and yarn
- 6:00 Dinner in Niagara Falls
- 7:00 Hotel Check-In
Comfort Inn the Pointe – p. 386, 388
Two adjoining, non-smoking rooms with 2 double beds each. Includes full breakfast. 24 hour cancellation policy.
\$81.80 each room.
Confirmation # 127151, 127152

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 Up and dress – red polos/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel – check out
- 9:00 Admire falls – pp. 146 (map)
Visit Prospect Point & Goat Island stateside, Queen Victoria Park Canadianside.
- 11:00 Niagara Falls Imax Theater? – pp. 153-154
6170 Buchanan Ave. Phone (905) 358-3611.
Open daily 11-8. Admission: \$7.50 adult, \$7 ages 12-18, \$5.50 ages 5-11
- 12:00 Lunch in Canada
- 1:00 **Niagara Falls, Ontario → Columbus, OH** via I-90S/ I-71 (350 mi)
Listen: Geography Songs – States & Capitols
Books on Tape – Johnny Tremain (Forbes) – 4 hrs.
Snack: peanut butter & crackers, fruit snacks, beef sticks, juice boxes
Travel Bags: beadie buddy kits
- 5:00 Dinner on the road

- 7:30 Hotel Check-in:
Fairfield Inn Columbus West– p. 440B
Phone (614) 870-2880.
One room with 2 queen beds for 2 adults, 6 children + a baby.
Includes Continental breakfast
Confirmation # 996 5074

Wednesday, October 4

- 7:00 Up and dress – green T-shirts/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast @ hotel, check-out
- 9:00 Pray/ Get gas
- 9:15 **Columbus, OH → Indianapolis, IN** via I-70 (150 mi)
Listen: Books on Tape: Johnny Tremain – 2½ hrs.
Travel Bags: Activity Books
- 12:00 Lunch in Indianapolis
- 1:00 Visit President Benjamin Harrison home – p.94 (map to p. 91)
1230 N. Delaware St. 1 block north of I-65. (317) 631-1898.
Sixteen room Italianite mansion completed in 1875. Harrison occupied it until his death in 1901, except during his term as 23rd president of the United States.
Guided tours every half-hour Mon-Sat 10-3:30.
Admission: \$5 adult, \$1 students
- 2:00 **Indianapolis, IN → St. Louis, MO** via I-70 (250 mi)
Listen: Songs of the US Presidents
Books on Tape – Johnny Tremain – 3 hrs.
Snack: juice boxes, pretzels
Travel bags: state crosswords for central US
- 3:30 Reset watches to Central Time (back one hour)
- 5:00 Dinner in St. Louis
*note – if ahead of schedule such that we arrive in St. Louis before 5, go directly to Missouri Botanical Garden (p. 172) at 4344 Shaw Blvd. Phone (800) 642-8842. Eat afterwards.
- 6:30 Visit Gateway Arch – p. 171
Memorial Drive and Market Street. Ride tram to top on next visit.
- 7:30 Hotel Check-In
Embassy Suites St. Louis Downtown – p. 444. Phone (314) 241-4200.
901 N. First Street in Laclede's Landing at foot of Martin Luther King Bridge.
Two non-smoking suites w/2 double beds each. Includes full, complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and evening reception. Cancel day before arrival.
\$69 + tax per room (government rate with photo ID, otherwise will charge AAA rate of \$129 per room per night). Parking additional \$7.25 per night.
Confirmation # 87661360

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 Up and dress – blue T-shirts/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:30 Visit St. Louis Zoo – pp. 167-170
1 Government Drive. Phone (314) 781-0900.
At Emerson Electric Children's Zoo, kids can zoom down a slide past a pool filled with river otters (an exhibit Dallas Zoo once had plans to mimic), or feed nectar to garrulous rainbow lorikeets. The 1.5-mile Zooline, a miniature railroad, tours the grounds. Check out sea lion and marionette shows on next visit (offered mid-May through Labor Day)
Open daily 9-5. Free admission to zoo. Children's zoo \$3. Train fare \$3.
- 12:00 Lunch in St. Louis
- 1:00 **St. Louis, MO → Little Rock, AR** via I-55/ Hwy 67 (300 mi)
Listen: Geography Songs – US States and Capitols
Great American Wars – Civil War – 4 hrs.
Ballads of American History – Civil War
Snacks: bottled water, granola bars, raisins
Travel Bags: more learning wrap-ups
- 6:00 Hotel Check-In:
Best Western Governor's Inn Suites – p. 268
1501 Merrill (1/2 mi west of I-430 off Rodney Parham). Phone (501) 224-8051.
One non-smoking room w/ king bed + sofa sleeper or 2 doubles if available.
Two adults, kids 12 and under stay free in parents' room).
Includes full breakfast buffet.
Cancel by 6 PM day of arrival. \$79.95 (corporate weekday rate – show card).
Confirmation # 154522

Friday, October 6

- 7:00 Up and dress – diabetes walk T-shirts/ jeans
- 8:00 Breakfast buffet at hotel
- 9:00 Pray/ Check gas
- 9:15 **Little Rock, AR → Tyler, TX** via I-30/ Hwys 59 & 155 (314 mi)
Listen: Books on Tape – Shades of Gray (Reeder) – 5¼ hrs.
Snacks: Handi-snacks, juice boxes
Travel Bags: activity books
- 2:30 THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!!!