

## Historical Treasure Hunt, Cambridge Common

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Find as many sites as you can, using the map,  
and get the answer to the corresponding question.



1. **G** This stone marker shows how the view across Garden Street looked in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Who lived in one of these two houses in 1775?
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2. **WE** (Washington Elm) Washington arrived in Cambridge Common July 2, 1775. What did he do on July 4 according to the monument?
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3. **K** In what month of 1776 did Henry Knox deliver cannon from Fort Ticonderoga?
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4. **C** After the British evacuated Boston, the Americans brought to Cambridge Common these cannon, which the British had left behind in a fort guarding Boston Harbor. They re-named it Fort Independence. (You can see it today, at Castle Island.) What had the British called the fort?
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5. **KP** These memorials honor two men who came from Poland to help America in the Revolutionary War. Their names were: \_\_\_\_\_ Kosciuszko and \_\_\_\_\_ Pulaski.



6. **DI** In what year was this monument placed here, to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence?
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7. **L** This Civil War monument has a statue of Lincoln inside.  
What is the soldier on top holding?

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8. **B** This stone marker has a map showing the route that the soldiers took from Cambridge Common on their way to Charlestown for the Battle of Bunker Hill. What river runs along the northern edge of Charlestown?

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9. **T** A cutting was taken from the Washington Elm and the offshoot ("scion") was planted in a spot on the other side of the Common. This marker explains, also, that the spot had in colonial times been the site of an old oak tree. What did early residents of the town do under this oak tree?

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10. **P** This statue is called The Puritan.  
What was the real name of this man?

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11. **RB** The Revolutionary Barracks were cabins built by the Continental Army to shelter them through the winter of 1775-76. Meanwhile, the British Army was holed up in Boston. What is the word that describes when a town or castle is surrounded by another army so nobody can get out?

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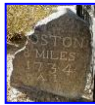
12. **WG** A metal archway spans the top of the Washington Gate. On the archway is a shield. On the shield is a person. What sort of person is it? (Hint: This is the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.)

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\*\*\*\*\* Crossing Garden Street from the southern tip of the Common \*\*\*\*\*



13. **D** Dawes Island. To what sort of “ancient and honorable company” in the army did William Dawes belong? \_\_\_\_\_



14. **M** The old mile stone, made in 1734, showed the route to Boston over the Long Bridge. The road had to circle way around swamp land (today the Charles River) and through the village of Roxbury (today a neighborhood of Boston). How long was this original route to Boston? (Hint, today the distance seems to be on the wrong side of the marker.) \_\_\_\_\_



15. **MH** From location M, you can see Massachusetts Hall on the other side of Massachusetts Avenue. This is where Washington’s officers stayed when the Continental Army was camped in the Common. Today it is where the president of Harvard University has her office. What device can you see on the wall, on the 4th floor? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of numbers are on it? \_\_\_\_\_



16. **BG** The Old Burying Ground contains the remains of 19 soldiers from the Revolutionary War. According to a blue plaque on the iron fence, the two black soldiers were named \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Frost and \_\_\_\_\_ Stedman.



17. **CC** George and Martha Washington attended services here on New Year’s Eve, 1775. In what year was Christ Church built? \_\_\_\_\_