

# Knox Trail Historical Society, Inc.

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## THE KNOX TRAIL REENACTMENT SCHEDULE

### January 10, 1976--Saturday

Alford  
North Egremont  
Great Barrington--\*

### January 11--Sunday

Great Barrington  
Monterey--\*

### January 12--Monday

Monterey  
East Otis--\*

### January 13--Tuesday

East Otis  
Blandford--\*

### January 14--Wednesday

Blandford  
Russell  
Westfield--\*

### January 15--Thursday

Westfield  
West Springfield  
Springfield--\*

### January 16--Friday

Springfield  
Wilbraham--\*

### January 17--Saturday

Wilbraham  
Monson  
Palmer  
Brimfield--\*

### January 18--Sunday

Brimfield  
Warren  
West Brookfield--\*

### January 19--Monday

West Brookfield  
Brookfield  
North Brookfield  
East Brookfield  
Spencer  
Leicester--\*

### January 20--Tuesday

Leicester  
Worcester  
Shrewsbury--\*

### January 21--Wednesday

Shrewsbury  
Northborough--\*

### January 22--Thursday

Northborough  
Marlborough--\*

### January 23--Friday

Marlborough  
Southborough--\*

### January 24--Saturday

Southborough  
Framingham--\*

### January 25--Sunday

Framingham  
Sudbury  
Wayland  
Weston--\*

### January 26--Monday

Weston  
Waltham  
Watertown--\*

### January 27--Tuesday

Watertown  
✓Cambridge

### March 1-4, 1976 (Ceremonies)

Roxbury  
Leechmere Point  
Cobble Hill

### March 17, 1976 (Ceremonies)

Dorchester Heights

\*spend night



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Clerks Office

Dear Sir:

In December of 1775 and January 1776, one of the epic journeys of American history occurred. Henry Knox, a young Boston bookseller and artillery expert, completed an extraordinary feat by bringing 59 cannon and mortars from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston cross-country during mid-winter. These weapons made it possible for the newly formed Continental Army to bombard the British and force the evacuation from Boston on March 17, 1776.

Two hundred years after Henry Knox's great military feat, the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission and the Knox Trail Historical Society, Inc., will reenact the trek of Henry Knox in the same spirit that Knox and his co-workers displayed during their perilous journey.

The Massachusetts Reenactment is scheduled to begin in Alford on Route 71, on January 10, 1976 and end in Cambridge on January 27, 1976. The "Train of Artillery" will consist of approximately eight horse drawn sleds, six cannon, one wagon, and thirty men in authentic costumes. This core will, of course, be supplemented by local groups and interested people as it passes through individual towns and cities. The aim of the Knox Trail Reenactment is to be as historically accurate as possible.

Before our plans are finalized for next January, we want to make sure that we receive the necessary permits from the towns and cities on the Trail. We would appreciate from your office or from the selectmen's office the approval of the following permits:

- a. Parade - for the Reenactment core
- b. Animal - horses and oxen
- c. Sanitary - regarding the animals in the streets
- d. Demonstration - people viewing the equipment and the core

Since we are spending the night in your town or city, we would appreciate if you could provide information concerning the following:

#### I. Security

- a. Guard for cannon and equipment at night
- b. Traffic control
- c. Escort
- d. Protection for the core

#### II. Overnight Housing

- a. Housing for men (houses or institutions)
- b. Housing for animals (barns or stables)

#### III. Location for the Equipment

- a. Main square or common
- b. Other areas off the main route

Please forward to our office the necessary material in order for the Knox Trail Reenactment to meet all the necessary ordinances and laws of the towns and cities. If you would like a person to give an oral presentation before your office or town meeting, we would more than gladly appear on a designated time and date.

As the time is rapidly approaching, we must work cooperatively to make the Knox Trail Reenactment a proud Bicentennial celebration. The Reenactment in January of 1976 will be inspired by the same principles that Henry Knox and the citizens of Massachusetts held dear - love of freedom.

Sincerely,



George Gatzogiannis  
Knox Trail Reenactment Coordinator

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Enclosure: Schedule of the Reenactment which we will follow next, January.

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Schedule of the Knox Trail Reenactment.

In City Council,

Sept. 8, 1975

9/8/75

Referred to the  
City Manager.

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