

The Lexington Lions Club Patriots Day Road Race is one of the oldest, continuous road races in the U.S. It was originally called the "Paul Revere Marathon." During the inaugural running in 1914, there were 10 contestants.



Ralph "Curly" Currier
1st place finisher 1914



1914 Original
1st place trophy

Lexington Minuteman April 25, 1914 Lexington Marathon.

With a sprint, timed just right, that used up his last ounce of energy, "Curly" Currier won the first road race of the L. A. A., last Monday, covering the three and one-half mile course in 18 minutes and 10 seconds. The Page brothers, — Carl and Vernon, — took the second and third prizes, finishing strong, only a few yards behind Currier, and Joseph Buckley won the 4th cup, finishing alone a few seconds behind the leaders.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the ten contestants were started from the Town Hall, accompanied by a patrol of Boy Scouts on wheels, while over a thousand spectators double-quickened to the Playground to witness the finish. The first report at the one mile mark showed the four leaders bunched, with a second division of the younger runners sticking together a short distance behind. The order in turning Five Forks was never announced, for scarcely had the courier arrived when three runners appeared on Lincoln street, surrounded by bicycles and autos. It was a pretty sight, as for the last half mile they ran abreast, stride for stride, until Currier's sprint 100 yards from the finish gave him the race.

Buckley had been seized with cramps on the State road and dropped out, but recovering again took up the grind and passed all but the first three. The fight for 5th place was a duplicate of the one for first, Bartlett, Day and Haynes coming up to the finish in a bunch, the sprint separating them by a few yards in the order named. Mader, Ferry and Hadley all finished the course in the order named.

The efficiency of the Boy Scouts was well illustrated by an incident within sight of the finish. A runner, exhausted, had scarcely reached the fence to support himself, before a Scout from the patrol, bringing up the rear, had covered him with a blanket and by a dash of water in the face, revived him sufficiently to permit him to complete the course. The race more than justified the L. A. A. in inaugurating it and will surely be made a feature of our next 10th.



Lexington Lions Club
Patriots Day 5 Mile Road Race
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Patriots Day Road Race

Monday ~ April 18, 2016

(one entry per form)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email _____

Team Name (Minimum of 4 Runners) _____

☐ Male ☐ Female Age on 4.18.2016 _____

Tee size (Tees are guaranteed for any pre-registrants)

☐ Xsmall ☐ small ☐ medium ☐ large ☐ XL

WAIVER I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run, unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official, relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I hereby certify that I am in good health and I have trained to run the distance of the race, which I am entering. I assume all risks associated with running in this even including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of weather (including high heat and/or humidity); traffic and the conditions of the road—all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry into this running race, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Lions Club of Lexington, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, volunteers, all states, cities, countries or other governmental bodies or locations in which events or segments of events are held, all sponsors, their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of a kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I understand that bicycles, skateboards, baby joggers, roller or inline skates, animals, and radio headsets are not allowed in the event and I will abide by this guideline. I understand that there will be no refunds due to weather-related issues which may cause the event to be canceled.

Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18) _____ DATE _____

Mail-in pre-registration fee:
Adult: \$25 ~ 17 & under: \$20

Send fee and completed application by April 15th to:
 Lexington Lions Club
 Patriots Day 5 Mile Road Race
 71 Farmcrest Avenue
 Lexington, MA 02421

For More Information:
 call: 781.862.2534
 email: LexLionsClub@gmail.com
 visit: our website: www.LexingtonLions.org

ROAD RACE INFORMATION

Date, Time & Location

Monday, April 18, 2016 at 10:00 am
 Adjacent to the Battlegreen, Lexington, MA

Registration

Online registration at: www.LexingtonLions.org
 Mail-in registration available with the form provided

- Online registration closes on April 15th
- Mail-in registration must be postmarked by April 11th
- You may register on-site, morning of race
- Pre-registration fee: **Adult: \$25 ~ 17 & under \$20**
- Race Day registration fee: **Adult: \$30 ~ 17 & under \$25**

Race Packets

Runners who have pre-registered may pick up race packets on race day registration, beginning at 8:00 am

Age Group Awards & Other Trophies

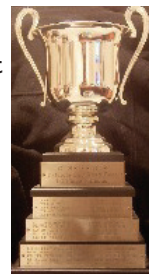
Currier Cup* - 1st Place Overall Finisher

Team Competition - 1st Place Team

Sgt Norman Carlson Award - 1st Lexingtonian, Male & Female
Age 12 & Under - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 13 - 19 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 20 - 29 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 30 - 39 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 40 - 49 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 50 - 59 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 60 - 69 - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female
Age 70 & Up - 1st & 2nd Place Male, 1st & 2nd Place Female

*Currier Cup Trophy

The Currier Cup is a Special Silver Cup that is presented to the first place finisher of the race by the family of the first place finisher of the first Patriots Day Road Race in 1914 Ralph "Curly" Currier.



Course Map

Course starts and ends at the Battlegreen in Lexington.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

241st PATRIOTS DAY WEEKEND

Celebration - April 16-18, 2015

Come spend the weekend in Historic Lexington

Saturday, April 16th

10:00 am Parker's Revenge - Reenactment of the second call to arms from Captain Parker-Battlegreen to Minuteman National Park

4:00 pm Tower Park Reenactment - Mass. Ave (opposite Pelham Road)

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 pm "In Their Own Words" - Dramatic re-telling of the Battle of Lexington. Pilgrim Church, 55 Coolidge Ave.

11:30 pm Paul Revere Ride Reenactment
 Hancock-Clarke House, 36 Hancock St.

Monday, April 18th

5:30 am "The Alarm" at the Old Belfry - Mass. Ave. at Clarke St. adjacent to the Battlegreen. *Come ring the bell that sounded the Alarm that the British were coming!*

5:30 am Reenactment of the Battle of Lexington - Battlegreen

6:10 am Pancake Breakfasts:

- Boy Scout Troop #160 at St. Brigid Church, 2001 Mass Ave.
- First Baptist Church of Lexington, 1580 Mass. Ave. (across from police station)
- Church of Our Redeemer, 6 Meriam St. (at Mass. Ave.)

7:30 am Sunrise Youth Parade - Starts at Muzzey Soccer Field, through Lexington Center to Battlegreen

8:15 am Patriots Day Ceremonies on the Battlegreen

10:00 am Lexington Lions Club 102nd Annual Five-Mile Road Race www.LexingtonLions.org

10:15 am Lexington Minutemen Company/DAR Memorial Decoration - Battlegreen

11:00 am USS Lexington Memorial Ceremonies - Visitors Center, 1875 Mass. Ave. adjacent to the Buckman Tavern.

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Annual Patriots Day Handbell Concert of Patriotic and American Music - Marches, Broadway show tunes, movie music, spirituals & patriotic songs. Hancock Church, 1912 Mass. Ave. Suggested donation of \$3/person to benefit the Handbell Scholarship Fund.

1:00 pm Paul Revere arrives at the Battlegreen on horseback Greeted by the Board of Selectmen and the Lexington Minutemen Company.

2:00 pm Patriots Day afternoon Parade - Starts at Mass. Ave. and Maple St. (East Lexington), through Lexington Center, left onto Worthen Road, ending at the Town Pool parking lot.