

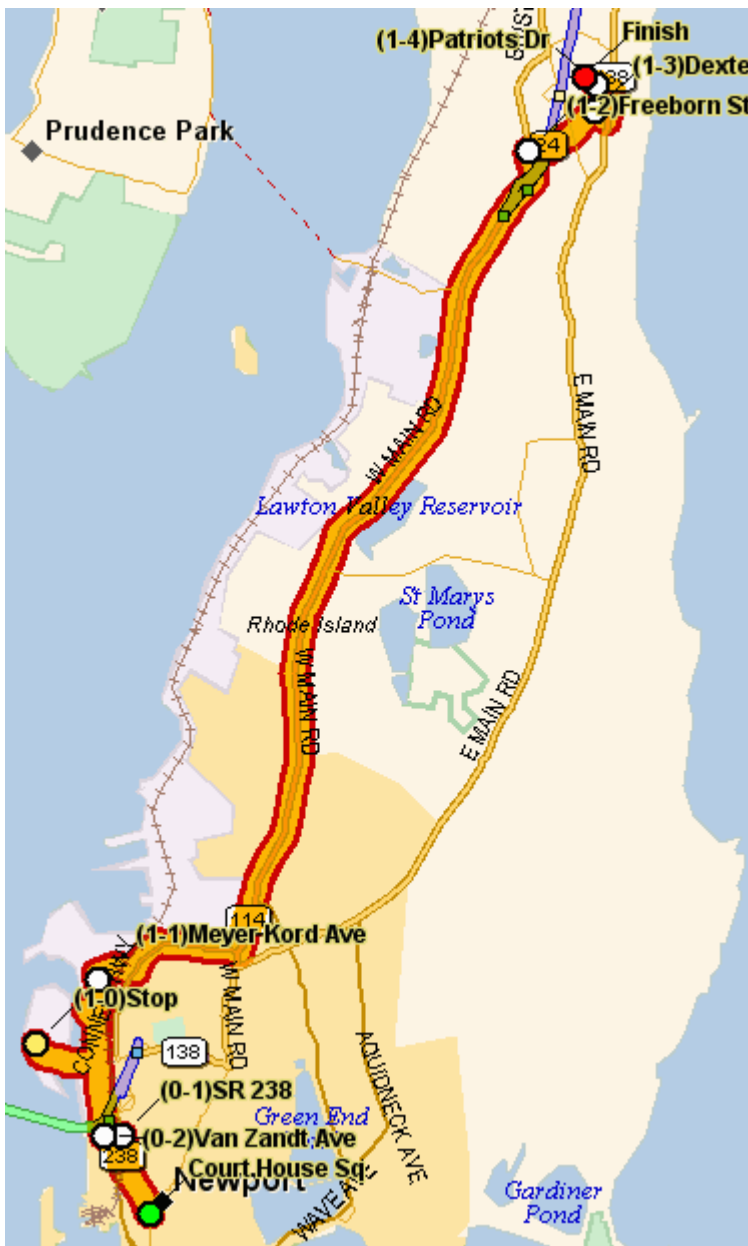


**225th Anniversary Commemoration  
of the Allied March to Victory  
from Newport RI (and Boston)  
to Yorktown VA in 1781**

**Report of the Scout Hikes  
in Rhode Island**

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**2006 May 6: Leg 1 of the RI Scout Hike**

The group started at Washington Square in Newport with a small ceremony and a cannon salute by the Newport Artillery Company. About a dozen Boy Scouts from Troop 77 of Middletown hiked along Farewell Street, past Governor's Cemetery, Braman Cemetery, and Newport Colonial Cemetery, to the Naval War College Museum. They were accompanied by several adult Scouters, a Girl Scout, several youth in colonial dress, and seven re-enactors of the Second Rhode Island Continental Regiment (see photo below).

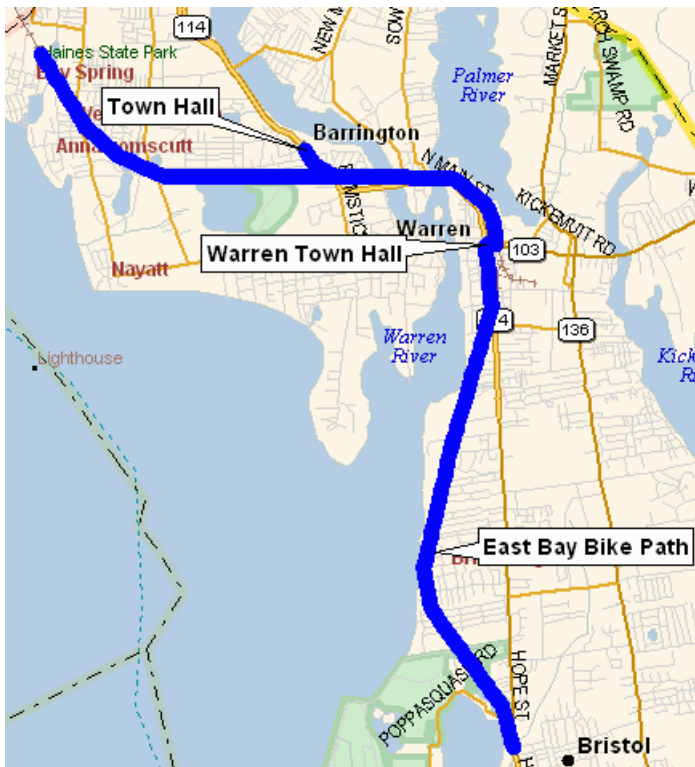
After a musket volley by the Second RI Regiment they proceeded via Elliot, Rochambeau, and Peary to Route 114 -- the "Burma Road" that runs along the bay. Passing Cory's Lane they turned east onto Dexter, north onto East Main, turned up Patriots Way to the Portsmouth High School, crossed the athletic field, and hiked into Fort Butts. Here there was a closing ceremony and distribution of W3R®-US patches.

All of those who began the ten-mile hike finished the hike.

Note: W3R®-US stands for the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association.



May 06: The Second RI Regt at the Naval War College Museum in Newport RI [from [2ri.org](http://2ri.org)]



### 2006 May 13: Leg 2 of the RI Scout Hike

The group started at Independence Park in Bristol and followed the East Bay Bicycle Path north to the town of Warren's recreation area and then to Main Street, where they paraded the colors past the town hall.

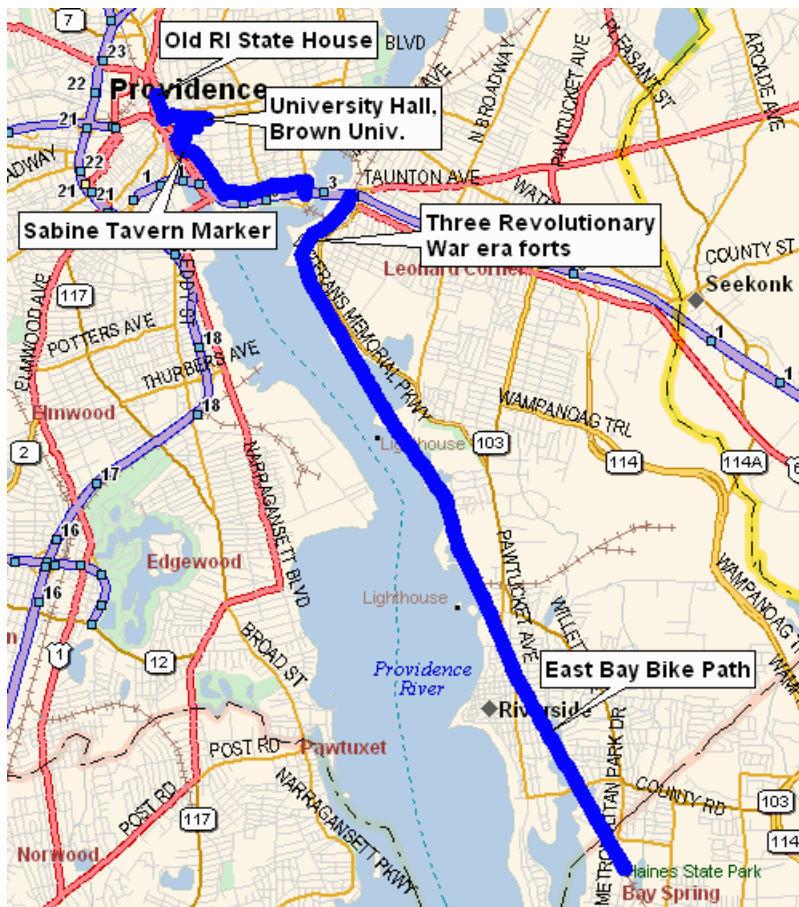
Continuing on the path and crossing over the Palmer and Barrington Rivers they took a short side trip to parade the colors past the Barrington town hall. The original plan to continue along the path to end the 11-mile hike at Haines Memorial State Park was cancelled due to weather conditions.



May 13: Bristol Boy Scouts carried the W3R®-US banner leading members of the Second RI Regiment on a hike starting at Independence Park in Bristol.



Members of the Bristol Train of Artillery joined them to march through Burr's Hill Park in Warren RI to Haines State Park in East Providence. [photos courtesy of John W. Adams, Rhode Island Society SAR]



## 2006 May 20: Leg 3 of Scout Hike

The group started at Haines Memorial State Park in East Providence and proceeded along the East Bay Bike Path, stopping in Veterans' Park for a commemorative musket volley by Second Rhode Island Continental Regiment and a talk on the history of the three Revolutionary era forts that once stood along this shore.

The hikers crossed the George Washington Bridge to Gano St., left on Wickendon, right on Benefit, then left on Planet to S. Main St. and the Sabine Tavern marker. Moving on, they went two blocks north on Main St., right to Hopkins (past the house of Stephen Hopkins -- Gov. in 1755 and signer of the Declaration of Independence). Continue left on Benefit and right on College Hill to (Brown) University Hall for a short historical talk. Return to Main St, go right for 1/4 mile to end the 9-mile hike the old Rhode Island

State House.

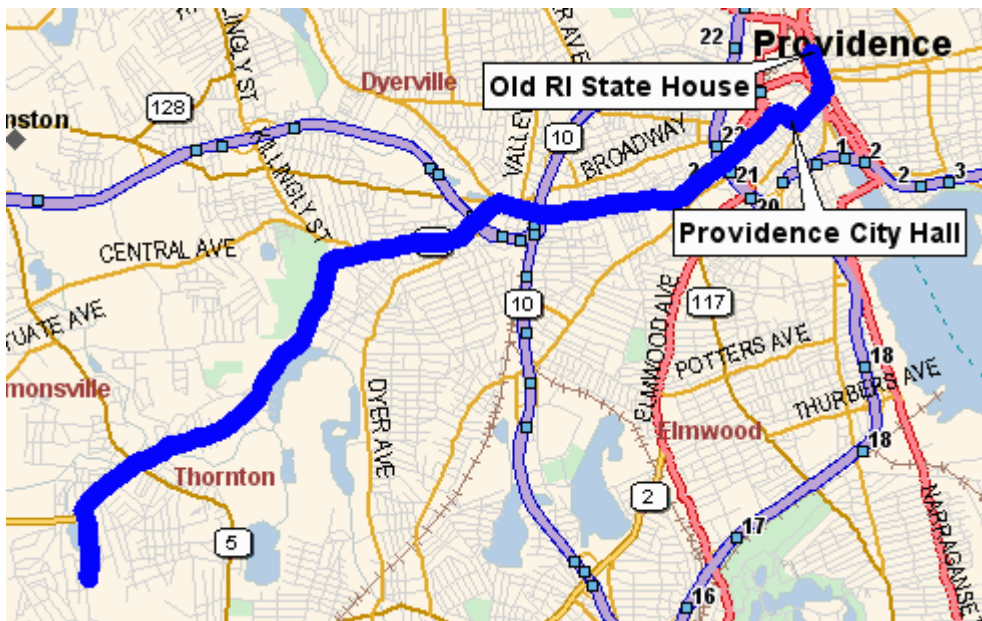


May 20: Marchers commemorate a small fort that helped defend Providence.



The old Rhode Island State House was the seat of government from 1762 until 1900.  
 [photos courtesy of John W. Adams, Rhode Island Society SAR]

### 2006 May 27: Leg 4 of the RI Scout Hike



The group started at the Old State House in Providence and proceeded to the Market House at College Hill Bridge, west on Westminister, right on Dorrence past City Hall. Then left onto Washington St. and under I-95, turning left on Lafayette to Westminister, across the overpass and after 0.25 miles follow Nancy St about 1.5 miles to Neutaconkanut Hill Park.

Continue 1.5 miles more (Nancy St becomes the Plainfield St.) and turn left on Stoney Acre Drive and stop at the back entrance to Boy Scout Camp Champlin.



(L) Scouts, SAR members, and re-enactors of the First Rhode Island Regiment at the old State House.  
 (R) The flag of France was flown to honor the French troops who came to help the U.S. gain its independence in 1781.



(L) The hikers paused to view a commemorative plaque placed 112 years ago by the SAR and DAR.  
 (R) WRRR way-finding signs are being installed in Rhode Island.

Note: WRRR stands for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, the route followed by the allied U.S.-French armies in the U.S. during 1780-1783 and its historical context.



The First Rhode Island Regiment fired a musket salute to honor the Revolutionary War patriots buried in the Cranston RI cemetery. [photos courtesy of John W. Adams, Rhode Island Society SAR]

### 2006 June 04: Leg 5 of the RI Scout Hike



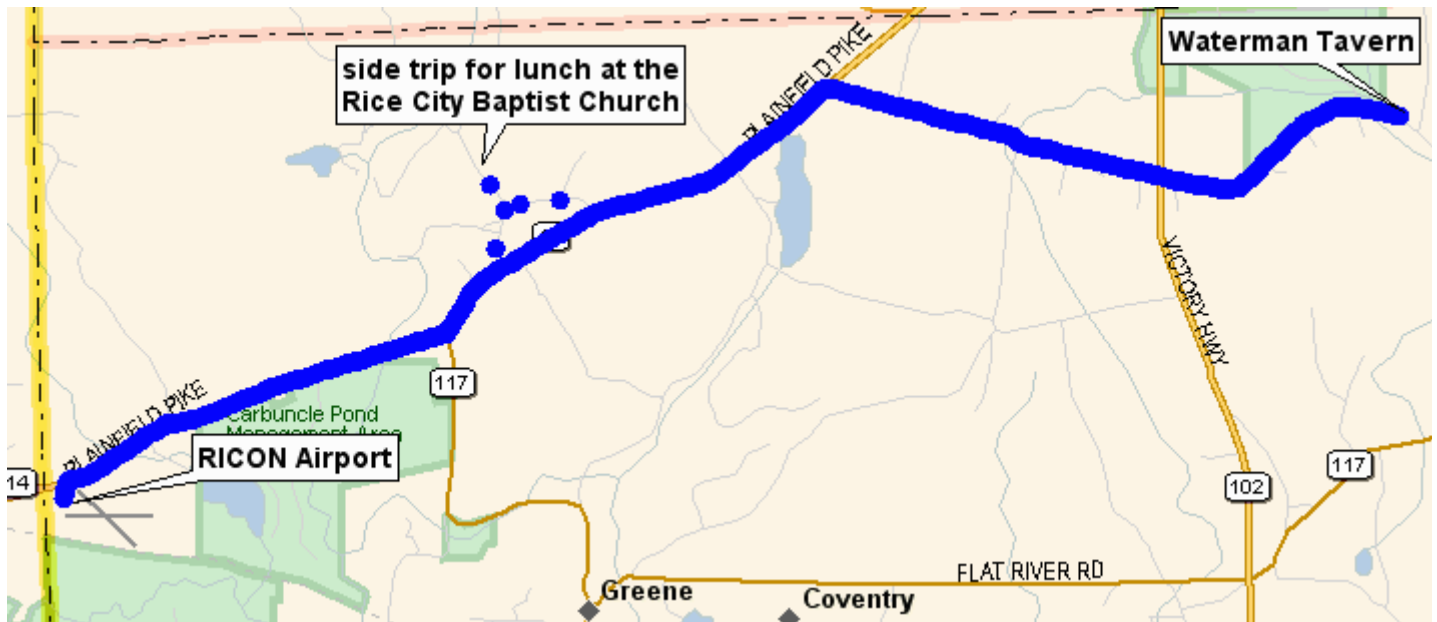
After a one-day delay due to heavy rains, the group started at Boy Scout Camp Champlin and went west on Rt 12 (Scituate Ave.), crossing Kent Dam. They continued straight on Burnt Hill Road, after 2.0 miles (at end) turned right (west) onto Hope Furnace Road, after 1.0 miles (at end) turned left (south-west) onto Matteson Road. The group passed many WRRR route-markers (wayfinding signs) that have been placed along the trail from Newport to Providence to where Rt 14A crosses into Connecticut.

After 1.0 miles (at end) the turned right (west) on Maple Valley Road for 1.25 miles to the Rhode Island Historical marker at Waterman's Tavern. Near Waterman Tavern is the headstone and footstone of a grave reputed to be that of a French soldier who died during the Revolution. For many years local people placed an American flag on the grave.



Left: US, French, and SAR flags at Waterman Tavern  
 Right: The grave of a French soldier buried near Waterman Tavern  
 [photos courtesy of John W. Adams, Rhode Island Society SAR]

**2006 June 10: Leg 6 of the RI Scout Hike**



Twenty Scouts from Troop 39 spent a rainy day hiking nearly to the Connecticut border, walking over some of the same dirt roads through the woods as four divisions of French troops, each 1,000 strong, did some 225 years ago -- young men not much older than the Scouts, but carrying eight-pound muskets and forty-pound packs containing all they would wear and own during the three years they were in the United States.





Starting from the corner of Maple Valley Road and Biscuit Hill Road (near Waterman's Tavern) the group followed the latter 1.75 miles, crossing Rt 102, then turned left onto Rt 14 (Plainfield Pike). They proceeded SW 2.25 miles, then took a side trip right onto Lionel Pierson Road and then right onto Vaughn Hollow Road to Rice City Baptist Church for lunch.

After lunch the group returned down Vaughn Hollow Road and right onto Lionel Pierson Road then right onto Rt 14 west, past Carbuncle Pond Management Area, ending at the RICON Airport.



Starting out in the rain



Hiking over the same rocks as greeted the French in 1781.



At the Mt. Vernon Tavern (built in 1761) the sun came out, and the Second RI Regiment brought out its muskets.



The group posed with one of the "gateway" signs that will welcome tourists on Rt 14 to the Rhode Island section of the WRRR.