



The Concord Scout House

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Concord Scout House, I am writing to express our full support for the proposed trail connecting Minute Man National Historical Park to Thoreau Farm. This inspired project unites two of Concord's most important historic themes—the Revolution of 1775 and the revolution of ideas advanced by Emerson, Thoreau, and their contemporaries—along a continuous footpath that invites reflection, discovery, and stewardship.

The Concord Scout House has a long history of fostering public engagement with both the natural and cultural heritage of our community. We are proud to have created and continue to maintain two officially recognized Scouting America Historic Trails:

- The Thoreau Leave No Trace Trail, established in partnership with the Thoreau Farm, The Thoreau Society, and the Town of Concord, and
- The Minutemen's Pursuit Trail, commemorating the historic pursuit of the British Regulars on April 19, 1775.

Together, these trails host approximately 100 registered hikers each year, connecting Scouts and visitors alike with Concord's living landscape and layered history.

We envision the proposed new trail being formally incorporated into the existing Thoreau Leave No Trace Trail, enhancing its reach from Thoreau Farm to the Battle Road, while also intersecting with the Minutemen's Pursuit Trail. This connection would form a continuous experience linking the sites of both the American and Transcendentalist revolutions. Such integration not only complements our educational mission but also strengthens Concord's position as a model for historical and ecological interpretation through youth programs and civic partnership.

The Concord Scout House enthusiastically supports this initiative and looks forward to working with the Town of Concord, Minute Man National Historical Park, and The Thoreau Farm Trust to help bring it to life for the benefit of Scouts, residents, and visitors for generations to come.

Sincerely,

David E. Owen
Secretary, Board of Directors
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