

“CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE CIVIL WAR”

Special Tours offered by the
Boston African American National Historic Site
July 2nd – July 9th, 2011

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday July 2nd at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>Black Bostonians of the Revolution</i> Come learn about Revolutionary War era leaders such as Prince Hall and Colonel George Middleton and how they and other early African American activists in Boston laid the foundation for the Abolition Movement and the early struggles for equal rights. Tour begins at the Samuel Adams Statue in front of Faneuil Hall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 6th at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>A Lighthouse Among the Lampposts: Charles Sumner’s Beacon Hill</i> Join us for this new tour which explores the humble roots and pioneering civil rights work of the great abolitionist Senator from Massachusetts. This tour was created in celebration of the bicentennial of Sumner’s birth. Tour begins in front of the Museum of African American History’s African Meeting House on Smith Court in Beacon Hill.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 3rd at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.</p> <p><i>Black Heritage Trail®</i> Join us for this unique walk through the North Slope of Beacon Hill to learn about the remarkable 19th century free black community who lead the city in the fight against slavery and inequality. Tour begins at the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial on Beacon Street.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 7th at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>Beacon Hill’s Underground Railroad</i> Join us for this tour of select Underground Railroad sites on Beacon Hill. Learn about the people who fled slavery for the safety of Boston and the people who were here to help them. Hear about people including William and Ellen Craft, Anthony Burns, Shadrach Minkins, and Lewis Hayden. Tour begins in front of the Museum of African American History’s African Meeting House on Smith Court, Beacon Hill.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 4th at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>The Freedom on “Trial” Trail</i> Join us for this great walking tour which focuses on the time when the promises of the American Revolution were “on trial” in Boston’s 19th century African American community. The tour will take you to places where Boston’s developing black community struggled to realize the full promise of citizenship. Tour starts at the Samuel Adams Statue in front of Faneuil Hall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 8th at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>John Brown’s Boston</i> Join us for this unique look at John Brown’s strong connections to Boston. This tour will take you to places where this ill-fated abolitionist revolutionary met with the Secret Six and other supporters, as well as prominent sites relevant to Boston’s struggle to end slavery. Tour starts at the Samuel Adams statue in front of Faneuil Hall in Boston.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 5th at 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>Mothers of Freedom</i> Discover the leading efforts of African American women in the struggle for social justice and equality in the years before the Civil War. This tour will examine the role of women in the Abolition Movement, the Underground Railroad, education reform, and community uplift. Tour begins in front of the Museum of African American History’s African Meeting House on Smith Court in Beacon Hill.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 9th at 11 a. m.</p> <p><i>The Civil Rights Tour</i> Join us for this new tour focusing on the local struggle for equality and civil rights in antebellum Boston. We will be exploring the free black community’s efforts to achieve equal education, integrate public transportation and public spaces, and repeal the vestiges of institutional discrimination in the years leading up to the Civil War. Tour starts in front of the Museum of African American History’s African Meeting House on Beacon Hill.</p>

All tours last 90 minutes.

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