

History of Longmeadow Scavenger Hunt

Fun for the Whole Family!

Directions: Walk around the Green with your family. Check off as many places as you can find.

- ___ Find a red star on a house. (means it was built before 1800)
- ___ Find a blue star on a house. (means it was built between 1800-1900)
- ___ Find a multicolored star on a house. (means it was built in the 1700's but significantly changed in the 1800's)
- ___ Find the rooster on top of First Church.
- ___ Peek into the steeple and glimpse the bell. It was cast by Paul Revere!
- ___ Count the number of houses with stars you see around the Green.
- ___ What is the earliest date you can find on a house? _____
- ___ Find a house with a minute man hat on it. (means that a minute man lived there. The stars above the hat show how many minute men lived in that house.)
- ___ Find the house with at least 4 chimneys.
- ___ Find Stephen Williams' gravestone in the Old Burying Yard behind First Church. When was he born? _____ When did he die? _____
(Rev. Williams was the first minister of First Church, serving for 67 years. He was also know as the Boy Captive of Deerfield.)
- ___ While you are at the cemetery, wander around. Read some of the sayings on the old stones Can you find the one where someone died because they were killed instantly by a bull?

- ___ Walk around the *Green* itself. Find the flagpole. That was where the *first* First Church was located.
- ___ Read the inscriptions on the Memorial. Pause for a moment to reflect on those Longmeadow citizens who served our country.
- ___ Keep walking on the *Green*. Look carefully on the ground. You should be able to find two stones marking the sites that time capsules were buried. On what date can the 100-year time capsule be opened?
- ___ Find another stone marker on the *Green* opposite the Community House. This marks the site of an archeological dig. What did the scientists discover here?
- ___ Count the number of brick houses around the *Green*. Why do you suppose many more houses were constructed of wood than brick?
- ___ Notice that the design of many of the houses is similar - 5 windows across the front of the house on the second floor and 4 windows and a center door on the first floor. How many houses can you find that are *different* from this common colonial design?
- ___ Find a house with a "coffin door" on the south side. (This is a single door located on the side of a house. Its purpose was to make it easy to carry coffins in and out of the front parlor of the house without having to move around sharp corners.)
- ___ Can you find the only commercial business located on the *Green*? This building was once a post office, a thimble shop and later a grocery store.
- ___ Visit the Storrs House, home of the Longmeadow Historical Society. Read the sign. When was it built? ___ (If it is open, go inside and take a tour! You'll learn a lot more about the history of Longmeadow.)

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