

**Directions to The Bluff, Forest Bird Monitoring Site at:**

**Minuteman National Historical Park**

**Lexington/Concord, MA**

Site established 30 May, 2006 by Steve Faccio

*NOTE: All bearings are Magnetic North, **do not** adjusted your compass for declination. All listening stations are marked with blue flagging and an aluminum treetag, labeled "VINS TB#", where # indicates the Point Number .*

Park at the Visitor Center Parking Lot off Route 2A. Walk toward the Visitor Center, down the boardwalk, past pond on the left. Just after pond, at break in split rail fence, follow a compass bearing of **80°** for 30m, across lawn and into woods. **Point 1** is located on an **8" Red Maple** at N end of small pond.

PT 2 – To reach Point 2, follow a compass bearing of **189°** for 200m. You will pass just W of the Visitor Center and cross RT 2A. The PT is ~35m into the woods on an **8" Red Oak** in an open White Pine/hardwood stand.

PT 3 – Follow bearing of **285°** for 200m. Point is 30m after crossing high school entrance road on an **8" Red Maple** at the edge of stream.

PT 4 – You can either cross stream following a bearing of **295°** for 200m, **OR**, go back out to school entrance road and go W on RT 2A to Visitor Center entrance. From here, take a bearing of **244°** and go 160m to PT on **4" Red Oak** before reaching survey line (NPS Boundary) marked with orange stakes.

PT 5 – Follow bearing of **290°** along survey line for 250m. Point is ~40m W of road crossing on **10" Red Oak**.

PT 6 – Go back to road and RT 2A, cross 2A and take Battle Road Trail E ~100m, past large boulder. At the Josiah Nelson House Site interpretive sign, walk up trail to old home site. PT is 20m at **70°** on **4" Red Oak** next to stone wall.

PT 7 – Continue E down Battle Road Trail past Visitor Center Parking. After crossing road, take bearing of **25°** and follow 80m to PT on **4" American Beech** next to 2 large (30") Beech trees.

PT 8 – Go back out to Battle Road Trail and continue SE to Private Drive on left. Go up Private Drive ~50m to small trail on **right** just before road turns to the right and where there is a break in stone wall. From here, follow bearing of **140°** for 40m to PT on **6" Black Oak** near small grassy opening.

Retrace your steps NW up the Battle Road Trail to the Visitor Center Lot and your vehicle.

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### Vegetation

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- Abandoned Field
- Black Oak-Beech-Pine Forest

