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Quincy, Massachusetts



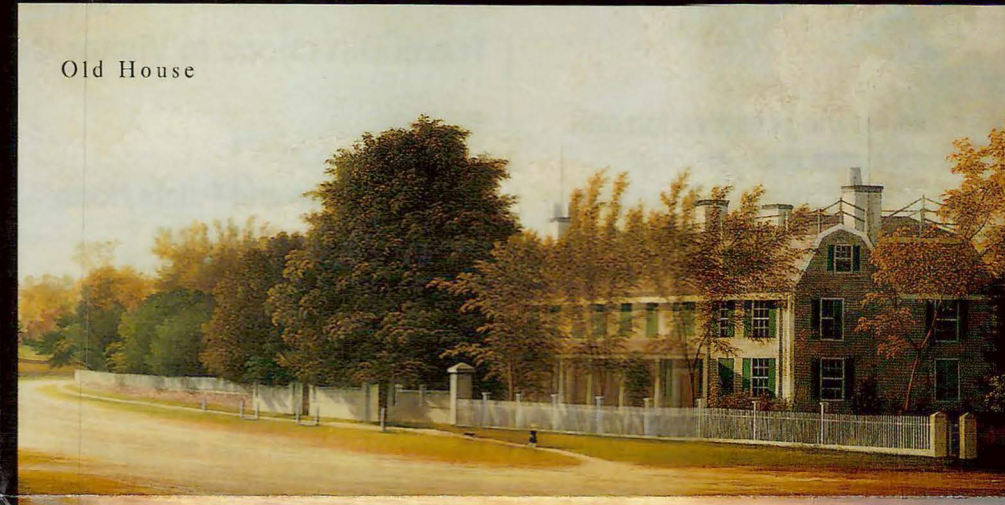
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Visitor Information

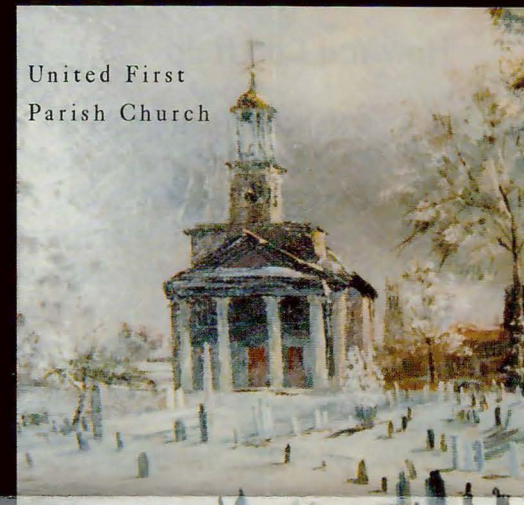
Birthplaces of John and
John Quincy Adams



Old House



United First
Parish Church



Adams National Historical Park was designated as part of the National Park Service in 1946 to commemorate the distinguished men and women of the Adams family who dedicated their lives to the development and service of the United States. The fourteen-acre park is comprised of the Birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams; the Old House, home to four generations of the Adams family; and the United First Parish Church, final resting place of both presidents and first ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams.

The John Adams and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces are the oldest presidential birthplaces in the United States. In 1735, John Adams was born in the salt box house located only 75 feet away from the birthplace of his son John Quincy Adams. In the John Quincy Adams Birthplace, young John and his bride Abigail started their family and the future President launched his career in politics and law. John Adams maintained his law office in the house and it was here that he, Samuel Adams and James Bowdoin wrote the Massachusetts Constitution. This document, still in use today, greatly influenced development of the United States Constitution.



Abigail Adams

The Old House, built in 1731, became the residence of the Adams family for four generations from 1788 to 1927. It was home to Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams; First Ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams; Civil War Minister to Great Britain Charles Francis Adams; and literary historians Henry and Brooks Adams. The Adams family's legacy of service to their nation is reflected as much by the 78,000 artifacts inside the Old House as by its historic landscape. Following a tour, you may wish to stroll the Old House grounds which include a historic orchard and an 18th-century style formal garden, containing thousands of annual and perennial flowers. The 1873 Carriage House is also available for self-guided tours.

The United First Parish Church, constructed in 1828, was designed by Alexander Parris and partially financed through a generous land donation from John Adams. The crypt beneath the sanctuary is the final resting place of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and First Ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams. Today the church remains an active parish.

Planning Your Day

Hours and Fees

Adams National Historical Park is open seven days a week from April 19 through November 10. The Visitor Center opens daily at 9:00 A.M. An admission fee is collected from individuals 17 and over. Cost of admission includes travel to the historic homes via a trolley bus. As a federal fee area, Golden Age, Golden Access and Golden Eagle passports are honored.

Tour Information

All tours begin at the Visitor Center which is located at 1250 Hancock Street in the Presidents Place Galleria. Site orientation is available at the Visitor Center, as well as exhibits, a bookstore and the site's only public restrooms. Validated parking is offered in the Presidents Place Parking Garage accessed via Saville Avenue. (See travel directions.)

Guided tours, which include the Birthplaces and the Old House, depart daily. Tours last approximately 2 1/2 hrs with the last trolley departing at 3:00 P.M. Tour space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors interested in touring only the Birthplaces or the Old House will be ticketed for the next scheduled tour of that site, subject to availability. Advance reservations are required for groups of eight or more. Please contact the group tour coordinator at (617) 770-1175 for information.

Tours of the United First Parish Church, located next to the Visitor Center, are approximately 20 minutes long and offered throughout the day.

Accessibility

The Visitor Center and trolley bus are fully accessible. Access to the historic homes and the United First Parish Church is limited. Multi-level structures and uneven surfaces may be difficult for some to maneuver. For more information please contact the Visitor Center prior to your visit.

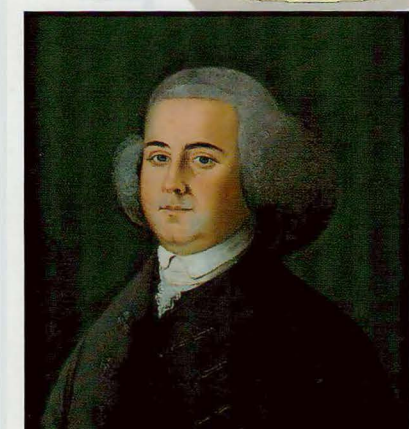
Louisa
Catherine
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John Quincy Adams

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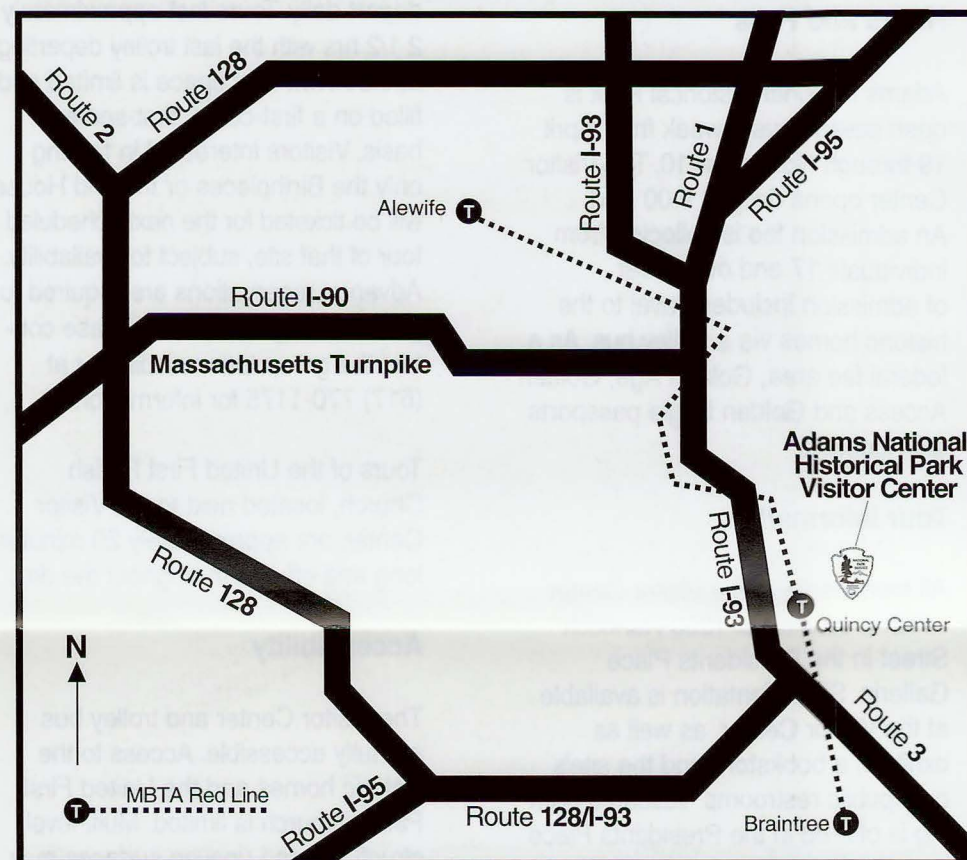
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How You Can Help

Adams National Historical Park is responsible for the preservation and interpretation of original furnishings, decorative arts and personal possessions belonging to four generations of the Adamses. To enable you to step back in time and explore the world of this influential family, these objects are displayed throughout the homes. Protection of these national treasures for future generations requires your cooperation. While on tour, please keep in mind the following are prohibited inside the homes:

- Video photography, back-packs, large bags, and strollers
- Touching furniture and artifacts
- Eating, drinking, smoking and pets are prohibited inside the homes and on the grounds

Area Map



We look forward to your visit

Adams National Historical Park is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

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Travel Directions to Visitor Center

By Car

• From Boston and Points North:

Travel Route 93 South to Exit 7 (Route 3 South—a left lane exit) towards Braintree and Cape Cod. Take Exit 18 - Washington Street/Quincy Adams "T" Station/Quincy Center (this is the first exit on the right on Route 3 South). After exiting, bear left to Burgin Parkway/Quincy Center.*

• From Cape Cod and Points South:

Travel Route 93/Route 3 North to Exit 19 (Quincy Center/Quincy Adams "T" Station) to Burgin Parkway.*

• From Route 128 and Points West:

Travel Route 128 South to Route 3 South. Take Exit 18 - Washington Street/Braintree/Quincy Center. Bear left off the exit to Burgin Parkway/Quincy Center.*

*At the sixth set of traffic lights, turn right on to Dimmock Street. Turn right at the next intersection on to Hancock Street. The Visitor Center is located on the left at 1250 Hancock Street in the Galleria at Presidents Place. Turn left just before the Galleria on to Saville Avenue and park in the Presidents Place Parking Garage. From the parking garage, enter the elevator and press *L. Enter the Galleria, and turn right. The Visitor Center is at the end of the hall on the left.

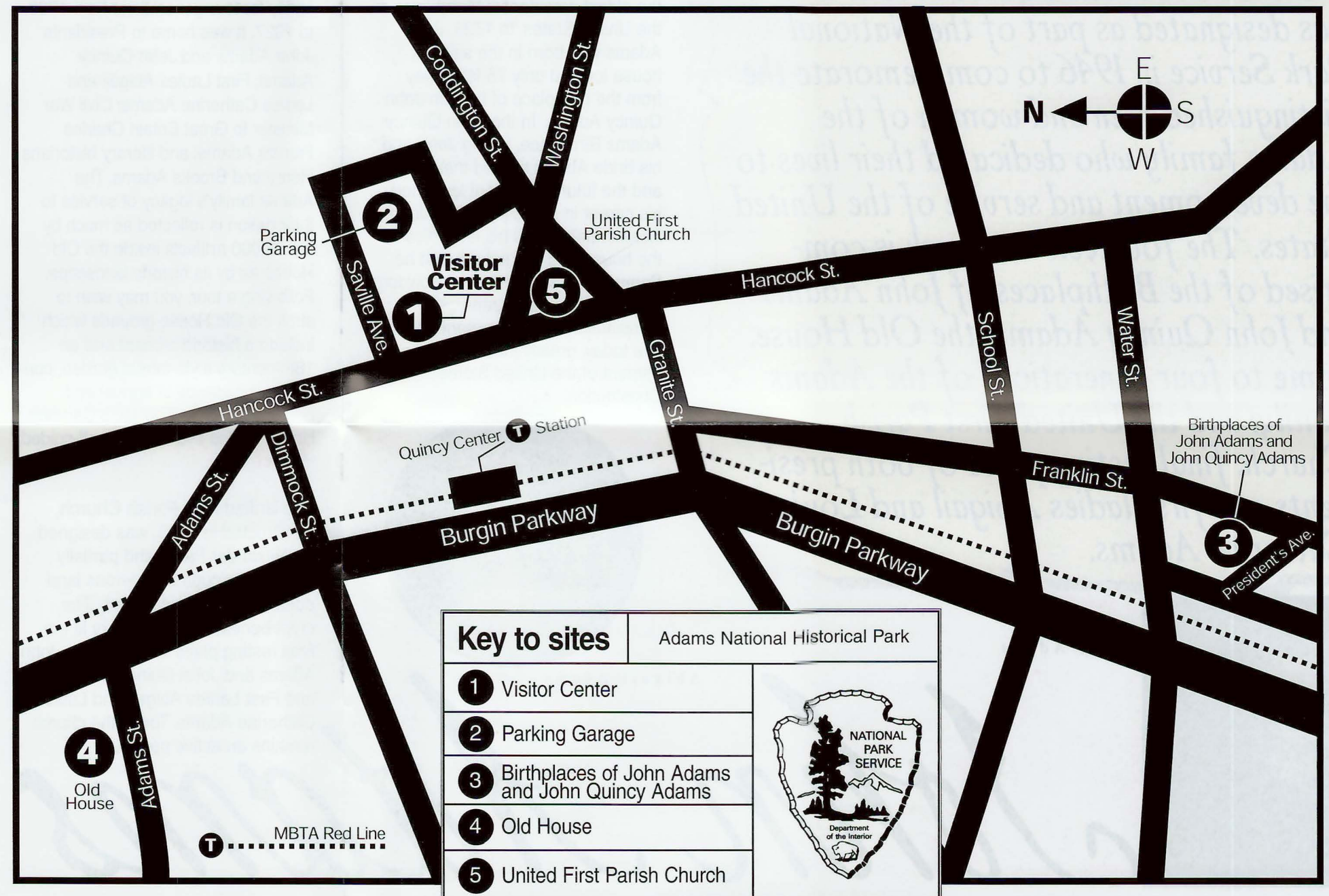
By Rail

•MBTA **T** Red Line Subway (Braintree Line) or

•Old Colony Commuter Rail (Middleboro/Lakeville Line) to Quincy Center Station.

At the top of the stairs, turn left and depart the station via the Hancock Street exit. Walk through the bus pick-up/drop off area and out to Hancock Street. The Visitor Center is located directly across Hancock Street in the Presidents Place Galleria.

Site Map



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