

Longfellow's®

WAYSIDE INN

A Massachusetts Historic Landmark



Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776



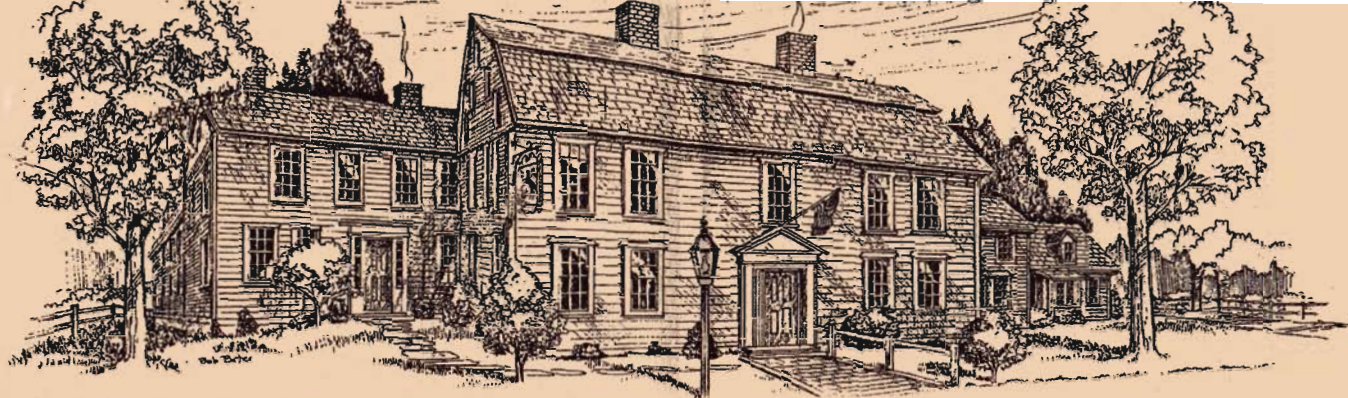
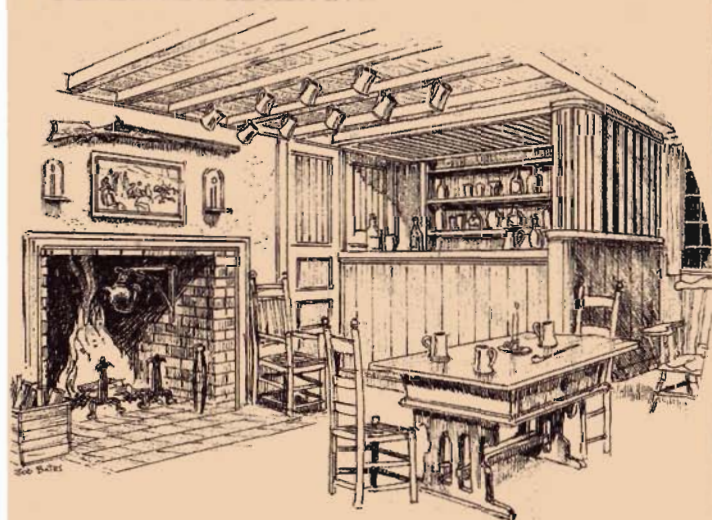
*As ancient is this Hostelry
As any in the land may be,
Built in the old colonial day,
When men lived in a grander way,
With ampler hospitality.
Longfellow*

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In 1702, David How built a two room homestead in South Sudbury. Obtaining a license in 1716, he expanded the original building and opened an inn.

Early laws of the Massachusetts Bay Colony required an Innkeeper to provide for a man, his horses and his cattle.

OLD BAR ROOM: One of the two rooms of the original building, the old bar continues to provide a friendly welcome for the wayfarer along the Boston Post Road as it has since 1716.



*"The birds are heard through pleasant
dashing wind that enlivens everything.
... Left our horse at the How tavern" Henry David Thoreau (1853)*

"Food, Drink, Lodging for Man and Beast"

Here at the Inn, townspeople gathered to discuss the issues of the day. Here too, Colonel Ezekiel How conferred with members of the Boston Committee of Safety and prepared for the events of April 19, 1775 that led to the birth of our country.

Today's visitor to the Wayside Inn can enjoy the same peace and tranquility described by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in the Prelude to his famous "Tales of a Wayside Inn".

The Inn is situated on over 106 acres of forest and cultivated fields on which much of the Inn's seasonal produce is grown.

The hospitality begun by David How continues today with traditional New England fare and comfortable accommodations. All ten guestrooms have private baths and air conditioning, and are furnished with antiques. Horses are accommodated in the barn across from the Inn.

For history buffs, the Sudbury/Concord/Lexington area offers many famous sites of the American Revolution as well as the birthplaces of many of America's early poets and authors.

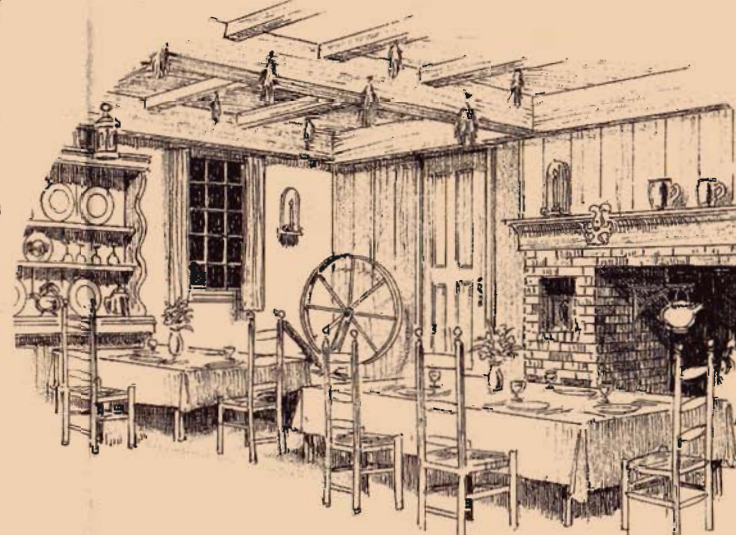
For a list of seasonal events and other information about the Wayside Inn Historic Site, visit
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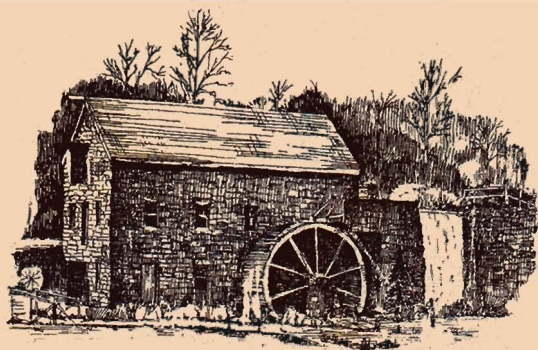
America's Oldest Operating Inn

THE WAYSIDE INN is a non-profit educational and charitable trust. The original trust was established by Mr. Henry Ford in 1946. After a disastrous fire the Inn was restored in 1956 by a grant from the Ford foundation.

Presently the Inn is administrated by a non-paid board of trustees who are dedicated to preserving the Inn as an historical shrine. Revenue from the Inn's operation is used to maintain and continue its restoration.

OLD KITCHEN: Begin, perhaps with a Coow Woow, America's first cocktail and after a sumptuous meal of traditional Yankee fare, end with hot Indian pudding from our bake shop.



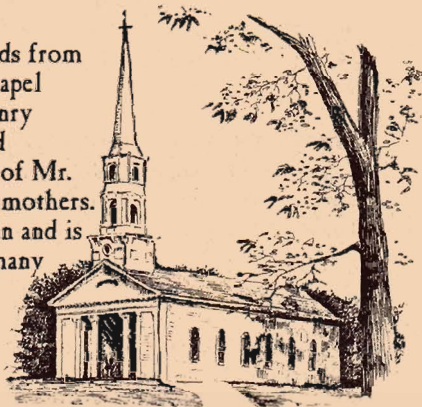


THE WAYSIDE GRIST MILL

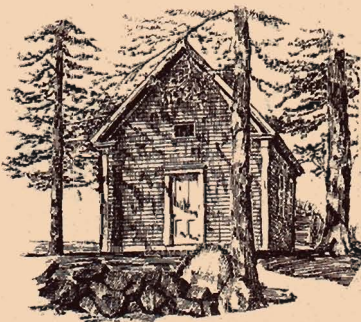
An early American reproduction built by Henry Ford in 1929. Located 500 yards from the Inn, the mill stone-grinds organically grown wheat and corn. The flour and meal are used in the Inn's bake shop and are available for sale in the Gift Shop.

THE MARTHA-MARY CHAPEL

Located 300 yards from the Inn, The Chapel was built by Henry Ford in 1940 and named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ford's mothers. It is non-sectarian and is the setting for many weddings.



THE REDSTONE SCHOOL

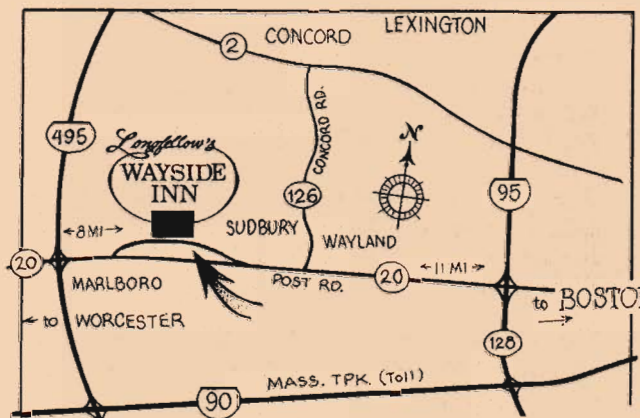


The school of "Mary and Her Little Lamb" fame, was built in 1798 in Sterling, Mass. and moved by Mr. Ford to its present site in 1926. It was used as part of the Sudbury School system until 1951 and is now used for occasional special classes. It is open to the public in seasonal weather and during those times, is attended by our school interpreter.

An Old Inn With a Long History

America's oldest operating Inn has offered hospitality to ten generations of wayfarers. When first licensed, it was called How's Inn or The How Tavern. Tradition says it was named "The Red Horse" by Colonel Ezekiel How when he succeeded his father in 1746. After publication of "The Tales of a Wayside Inn" in 1863, the Red Horse Inn became Longfellow's Wayside Inn by popular acceptance.

Colonel How led Sudbury farmers to Concord on April 19th, 1775. This event is reenacted each April 19th by the present Sudbury Companies of Minute and Militia, and the Sudbury Ancient Fife and Drum Corps who make the 12 mile trek to the Old North Bridge in Concord. These groups leave from Sudbury Common at about 6 am, following a salute at the Revolutionary War Burial Ground.



To reach the Wayside Inn

FROM BOSTON: Take Mass Pike (Rte. 90) West to Route 128 North. Take exit 26, Rte. 20 West for 11 miles. Go right on Wayside Inn Road. Inn is 1/8 mile on the right.

FROM NEW YORK AND CONN.: Take Mass Pike (Rte. 90) East to Rte. 495 North. Take exit 24A, Rte. 20 East for 8 miles through Marlboro into Sudbury. Follow signs to Inn.



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