WITCH TRAIL

WITCH TRAIL SALEM, MASS.
HOME OF THE
AMERICAN WITCH

Sponsored by:
The Witch Trail Committee
157 Circuit Road
Winthrop, Mass. 02152

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REGISTRATION FORM - 85

Troop_________ of _____________________________ plans to hike the WITCH TRAIL on ___________.
No. Hikers Expected ______ No. Adults ______

We have prepared our group for a safe hike and agree that the Trail Committee, Trail Sponsors or the BSA are not responsible for any accidents that may occur as a result of this activity.

Signed _____________________________

Leader in charge _____________________________
(please print)

Phone _______ (Zip) _____________________________

AWARDS ORDER FORM - 85

Troop/Pack ______ completed the Witch Trail on _______ and would like to order the following:

_____ Pocket patches @ $1.50/_____

_____ Trail Medals @ $2.50/_____

Postage ______ Total enclosed ______

Mail to: (Please Print)

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______________ (ZIP) _____________________________

Current postage is as follows: Patches; 1-10 = 54¢, 10-20 = 75¢; over 20 add 35¢ each 10. Medals approx 15¢ each.

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER DURING HIKE

Name _____________________________ Rank ______
Unit No. _____ City ____________ Cncl ______
Date of Hike _____________________________ Leader's Approval ______

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Stop #1 What was field used for ________
Stop #2 Where did wood come from to build this house ________
Stop #3 When was house used ________
Stop #4 Purpose of house in 1692 ________
Stop #5 Name Minister who united people ________
Stop #6 Date on Chimney ________
Stop #7 What group occupies house now ________
Stop #8 How many testified for Rebecca ________
Stop #9 When was house built ________
Stop #10 When did Mayflower passenger die ________
Stop #11 Whose statue is here ________
Stop #12 Who was killed here ________
Stop #13 How high is the flagpole ________ ft

General question - how many references to Witches did you pass besides the above 13 on the hike? ______

Comments:
THE WITCH TRAIL

Purpose: The purpose of this trail is to stimulate interest in the history of the Salem area and to provide an incentive for Scouts to learn more about the witchcraft hysteria of 1692. Much can be learned from the way the people acted during those times - both the accused and the people in general.

Trail: The Witch Trail is open year-round and may be hiked whenever the ground is free enough of snow to permit a safe hike. The Trail consists of a ten mile hike from Danvers to Salem, Mass. It requires about 4 to 5 hours to complete, depending on the amount of time spent viewing each stop. The Trail begins in Danvers (old Salem Village in 1692) at the site of the first witch rumor and connects 13 different sites that are directly related with witchcraft. The Trail ends at Gallows Hill, Salem. Along the route the hikers will see the homes of those who testified at the trials, the home of an accused "Witch", the site of the hearings, the graves of three of the Judges and one of the Witches, graves and the hill on which the accused were put to death.

Awards: All awards are strictly optional and not a requirement of the hike. The awards available consist of a five color pocket patch of a Witch flying over Mass. ($1.50) and a Trail Medal suspended from an orange and black ribbon and made of pewter ($2.50). These awards can be ordered upon completion of the trail by the Unit Leader of the group. The Trail Medal may be worn on a Scout uniform over the left pocket and are used extensively in the Midwest. When ordering please include postage. An order form is included with this booklet. Please send the registration form in prior to your hike so we can inform you of any changes that may have occurred since this booklet was printed. (If there are no changes we will not reply, to save postage)
Requirements: Any registered Scout, Explorer, or Scouter may qualify for the Witch Trail Awards. Hikers are encouraged to wear full Scout uniform on the trail and an adult over 21 must accompany each group on the entire trail. It is recommended that adult leadership be on the ratio of about one Leader to 10 Scouts or Explorers to insure a safe and orderly hike. All Scout units must have a local tour permit (#4416) or a National Tour permit (#4419). These permits are issued thru your local Boy Scout Council. The Trail is to be hiked under the direction of a Troop, Post or Pack. Individual hikers will not be recognized for awards. Each hiker is expected to obey the pedestrian safety rules as well as being "Courteous". Permission to visit some of the sites could easily be withdrawn because of some thoughtless act by a few. Each group must see that it has training in hiking safety, first aid, hike precautions and hiking in city traffic. All hikers should be given a set of questions to answer along the route, which are listed at the end of this booklet. This will help them get more out of the hike.

It is to be noted that participation of individuals in hiking the Witch Trail in no way obligates the Trail Committee, Sponsors, or the Boy Scouts of America in the case of any accidents or injuries that may occur.

Fees: There are no fees for hiking the Trail. You are not required to enter any of the buildings along the Trail that charge an admission. There are 2 stops described under "options" in Salem that are good, if you have the time and money. Essex Institute has a good collection of old guns, watches, some authentic Witchcraft articles and rooms that show how people lived in the old days. The other option is the Witch Wax Museum which makes a good way to tie the whole hike together. The show explains the 1692 events and tells of the places visited on the hike.

The Essex Institute has clean rest rooms.

QUESTION SHEETS:

It is recommended that each hiker be given a copy of the questions for each trail that you hike. This keeps the hikers more interested in the hike and keeps it from becoming a BEE-line hike. When finished the leader should check the sheets and see that each person has learned something. We would appreciate it if you would send us any comments you might have at the end of the hike that will help us improve the trails or the booklets.
Follow Federal St. until it reaches Boston St. (end of Federal). This route will take you directly to Gallows Hill. Along the way you will pass many buildings that date back to the Revolution - note the plaque on each building giving the history of each.

When you reach the end of Federal St. you will be facing the part of Gallows Hill where many believe the hangings took place.

Cross Boston St. and go right slightly to Pope St., a narrow street leading up hill. Proceed up Pope St., being careful of the cars coming down.

To your left as you walk up Pope St. you will pass rock formations that could have been the site of some of the hangings. Evidence seems to indicate that the hangings took place in this general area.

At the top of Pope St. you will see Gallows Hill Park in the distance in front of you. The Flag pole indicates the top. Go straight ahead thru the gate in the fence at the end of the road. Now climb to the top of the hill.

STOP # 13 - GALLOWS HILL PARK - From the flag pole, looking south-southeast (direction from which you have just hiked) you will see the general area where the hangings are thought to have occurred. It is believed that no hangings actually took place at the top of the hill. In 1692 there were no roads to the top and it would have been unlikely the victims would have been taken all the way to the top of this hill.

This point gives a good view of the city of Salem and the harbor.

Cars may be parked at the top of the hill or at the base to pick up the hikers. Take Hanson St. off Boston to reach the top and Pope St. to reach the base. There is more room to park at the base than at the top. Refer to map #2 for route a car can follow from start to finish.

THIS IS THE END OF THE TRAIL

References: In order that the stops be fully understood by the hikers it is strongly recommended that each hiker do some reading about the 1692 trials prior to the hike. A good book containing references to all the places visited on the hike is "The Witchcraft Hysteria of 1692" by Bossoni. This is a 64 page paperback containing a condensed history of the events of 1692. Copies can be ordered directly from Pride Pub. Co., Box 13, Wakefield, Ma. 01890 - write for current price.

In addition to the above mentioned book, the following would give the reader an inside into the events of 1692. Check your local library.

Devil's Shadow by Alderman (grades 8-12)
Tituba of Salem Village by Petry (Fiction grades 7-10)
Devil in Mass. by Starkey
West Salem Witchcraft by Charles Upham
Witchcraft of Salem Village by Jackson (grades 4-6)

Other Information: Units should arrange to pick up their hikers at Gallows Hill Park. Parking, as well as picnic benches and a rain shelter are available there. Use Hanson St. to reach the top or Pope St. to reach larger parking lot at base. (See Map #2)

There are numerous eating places in Danvers and many sub shops along the route, just before Salem. There is a burger shop on Washington St. in Salem also, with room enough to sit inside.

Restrooms are located at Gallows Hill during the summer, at Gas stations along the route and inside the Essex Institute Museum.

Camping may be done at Camp Nihan in Saugus, a short drive away. This camp has cabins for rent as well as free tent sites. Contact MDC Hq., 145 Pond st., Stoneham, Mass. 02180 (Tel. 617-438-5690).

It may also be possible to camp at the Endicott Estate (at start of Trail in Danvers). Try by contacting the Danvers Recreation Director, Danvers Town Hall, Danvers, Mass. (Tel 617-777-0001)
Religious services and shopping facilities are available in Danvers Center and Salem. Emergency facilities are available at the Hunt Memorial Hospital off Maple St. in Danvers and the Salem Hospital, off Highland Ave - near Gallows Hill.

Other items in this area that you might be interested in visiting include:
Peabody Museum on Essex St., Salem has a fine collection of items from the South Seas, Japan and the New England Indians. (Fee)
House of Seven Gables in Salem (fee) usually of interest only if one has read the book
Pioneer Village - Salem (fee) - a reconstruction of the first Salem settlement. (Off Lafayette St.)
Salem Willows - beaches and amusement park (summers)
Freedom Trail - connecting sites in Boston made famous during the Revolutionary War. Contact Greater Boston Council, BSA, 891 Centre St., Boston, MA. 02130.

The Witch Trail Committee sponsors a total of 9 trails in this area. Booklets are available for each from the Trail Committee, 157 Circuit Rd., Winthrop, MA., 02152. The complete set will be sent postpaid for $2.65. The following is a brief description of these other trails - hiked by both Boy & Girl Scouts.
Sons of Liberty - 10 miles from Lexington to Concord following the old "Battle Road".
Spirit of '76 - 2 miles around historic "Old Town" Marblehead, MA.; visit famous sites and '76 Painting Leslie's Retreat - a 10 mile circle from Marblehead to Salem retracing the British march of Feb. 26, 1775. This event explains the action taken in Lexington in 1775.
Pirate Legend Trek and Trail - 4 or 10 mile circle thru the Lynn Woods, visiting Pirate Cave and grave.
Sky Line - An 8 mile circle thru the woods at the Middlesex Fells Reservation that is tied into local Indian History. Good views of Boston from towers.
Blue Hills #1 & #2 - 2 or 8 miles thru the Blue Hills for compass work and nature study. Can start at the Sayer Scout Reservation, if camping there. (Scout Camp run by Greater Boston Council, BSA).

Continue West to Saint Peters St. (Church on right corner). turn right on St. Peters and then left at the next block onto Federal Street.

STOP #12 Jail Site - At the corner on St. Peters and Federal Streets is the site of the old jail - where the Telephone building now stands. It was here that the people accused of witchcraft awaited trial. If a person was convicted the procession would start here and go to Gallows Hill. There was a plaque on the side of the building to mark the spot but it was stolen in 1975 - replacement??

It was in this vicinity that Giles Cory was squeezed to death. He was accused of being a Witch and brought to trial. In those days you had to plead guilty or innocent. If you pleaded guilty you had to tell who else was a witch. Also, all the property of a Witch was taken by the Court. If you pleaded innocent you were given a trial - from which none were found innocent - and hung. Giles refused to say anything at his trial. The Judge told the jail keeper to make him enter a plea. They took Giles out of jail, laid him on the ground, put a board on his chest and put rocks on top of it. The only thing Giles is recorded as having said is something to the effect that they should add the rocks faster. He died without entering a plea and thus became the only person in the history of America to be legally squeezed to death.

Follow Federal St. west and you will cross Washington St. The site of the old Court House is on the West side of Washington St., about a half a block south of the junction of Federal and Washington (point "K" on the map).

Continue west on Federal and you will pass the Salem Court House on your right - point "L" on map - second building from the corner after passing Washington St. The Court House contains documents and some of the evidence used in the Witch Trials.
OPTIONAL STOP - ESSEX INSTITUTE - This is an optional stop which you may by-pass if you wish. The Essex Institute is open Tue-Sat 9-4:30 and is closed on Mon. There is a small fee charged for viewing the collection of old guns, clocks and items related to witchcraft that they have on display. The displays change from time to time. They have a large painting depicting witches flying over Salem which is of interest. Also, one second floor there are settings to show how rooms looked in the old times. (Clean restrooms are located on the landing, half way up to the second floor.)

The Trail continues passed the Essex Institute to Hawthorn Blvd., at the end of the block and turns left. Walk one block north and you will come to a large statue in the middle of the intersection.

STOP # 11 - Statue of Founder of Salem - This statue in most times mistaken for the statue of a witch. It is actually a statue of the founder of Salem, dressed as everyone dressed in those days. The statue faces the Salem Common which is land set aside since the founding of Salem to be used by all.

Ann Pudeator, executed Sept. 22, 1692 for witchcraft, lived at the north corner of the common. The location of here house is noted by "G" on the map.

OPTIONAL STOP - THE WITCH MUSEUM - across the street from the statue is the Witch Museum which presents a 22 minute show using 13 different tableau with 80 figures to show the history of 1692. This makes a good wrap-up of the hike since it covers all the events and places that you have visited. However, you stand during the whole show. For more information as to exact times and prices call the museum at 744-5217 in Salem. (Times of shows change with seasons.)

To continue the hike go west - away from the Common - from the statue and the Witch Museum. You will pass the Ward House at the rear of the Essex Museum (point "J" on Map). This house is one of the most unspoiled of the original early New England houses that exist today.
Maps: The entire Witch Trail may be found on the Salem Quadrangle topographic map - which may be bought at book stores or from the US Government.

Registration: Please fill out the form that is just inside the front cover of this booklet. You can hike the trail any time you wish. The form gives us a chance to tell you if a correction has been made since your booklet was printed.

This booklet also contains a copy of observation questions that will help make the hike more interesting and help the hikers learn more along the way. If each hiker is given a copy of the questions it will be part of the game and keep them more interested.

To Reach The Trail:- The Witch Trail begins on Centre St., Danvers, at the old Village Training Field. This point corresponds to the first point on the historic trail of the town of Danvers. The Danvers portion of the trail uses many of the points of the Town Trail that was set up by Dick Trask of Danvers.

The best way to reach the trail is via Rt. 1, north of Boston. Going north on Rt. 1, exit at the Centre St. exit - the exit just after Rt. 114. From the north this exit is the one after Rt. 62. It is clearly marked Centre St., Danvers. (Rt.1 can be reached via Rt. 128 or via the Bridge or Tunnel from Boston.)

Once you have left Rt. 1 proceed toward Danvers. You will pass over Rt. 95 and then come to Cnetre St. The road narrows and about a tenth of a mile further you will see a field on the left with a marker that pictures a Minuteman and the number 1. This is the start of the trail. Map #1 shows the exit and area at the start of the trail.

If you wish to park a car here there is room along side the Training field, off the main road. The Wadsworth School parking lot may be used if more room is needed.

Hathorn and Jonathan Corwin. (You may tour, if you wish but it is not recommended and not a requirement of the trail. There is a fee to tour the building and view the furniture.

After viewing the outside of the "Witch House", turn left on Essex St. and follow Essex St. east. At the south-east corner of Washington and Essex is the site of some of the witchcraft trials. There is a plaque on the east side of the Daniel Low Building, just off Essex St., which tells the history of the site. (See map #6 - point E). Another plaque on the Washington St. side commemorates the part this site played in the Revolutionary War.

Continue east on Essex St. turn right onto Central St. (opposite Almy's) and go down Central for one block. turn left onto Charter St and follow Charter one block east to the Charter St. Burial Ground.

STOP # 10 - Charter St Burial Ground - This burial ground is the oldest in the city, dating back to the 1600's. The prosecutor of the Witch Trials who examined Rebecca Nurse is buried here together with other famous persons. A stone marker inside the gate shows the location of all the famous graves. Be sure you find the grave of the prosecutor, Judge Hathorn and not his grandson's. You might point out that this Judge was a relative of the famous writer, Nathaniel Hawthorn. He added a 'w' to his name because he was ashamed of what his relative had done during the witch trials.

The Samuel Pinkman house is at the east end of the cemetery. This house was built in 1660 and represents a good example of how the houses looked at the time of the witch hunt. This house plays no known part in the Witchcraft trials.
Sign here to "Glen Magna" and a Minuteman Sign pointing down a narrow road.
TRAIL GUIDE

The word description which follows is designed to supplement the maps and your own readings. Note: Be sure the hikers realize that all the houses on this trail are still being used as homes and are not empty. Also, the trails marked by the town of Danvers and the city of Salem contain buildings other than those connected with witchcraft. The Trail you are to follow will bypass some of these markers.

STOP #1 - Village Training Field - Units are to assemble here to start the hike. Once the unit is ready it may proceed with the hike. There is no formal check-in. Before starting the hike have the group read the inscription on the stone monument. This points out that this area was the 'Frontier' back in the days of the witchcraft trials. The people were worried about Indian attacks and the unknown beyond their little village. This fear of the unknown contributed to their acceptance of the witchcraft hysteria. Between 1640 and 1660 there were 30,000 people executed for witchcraft in England. The people of Salem knew this and were conditioned to expect to find witches in their midst.

Proceed as a group along Centre St. toward Danvers marker #3. You will be walking East - away from Rt. 1. (Marker #2 leads to the Endicott Estate and not connected with witchcraft.)

Cross Prince Place - second house from corner on your left is #73 - the next stop.

STOP #2 - Wadsworth House - (marker #3) this house was built after the witchcraft hysteria had ended. The original house where the panic first started was torn down and the wood was used to build this one. Note the shutters inside the windows to protect from Indian attacks, not weather.

down Endicott St. stands the oldest Pear tree in the U.S. It was planted in 1632 and is located behind the Sylvania plant. If you wish to see it follow the sylvania driveway to the rear of the plant. The Pear tree is protected by a chainlink fence. It is shown on Map #4 by the letter "C".

Continuing south on Rt. 35 you will cross over another bridge - Waters River. Look to the left, east, from the bridge and the land on the right side is the area farmed by George Jacobs Sr. - whose bones are now preserved at the Danvers Historical Society Museum. This is spot "D" on Map #4. George was hung as a witch.

Continue to follow Rt. 35 south; you will connect with Rt. 114 and eventually reach Salem. This is a long stretch void of stops. This area was all farm land in the 1690's. This route has been used since early times as a path to reach Salem. Your group might think of how the accused must have felt as they were being taken along this road to trial.

On your left you will pass Bishop Fenwick high School and then come to St. Thomas Church. A little further you will pass many sandwich shops. There are also places to eat in Salem itself; on Washington St.

Just before you reach Salem you will cross a bridge over water - the North river. See Map #5. This is part of the water path used by the Nurse family to transport Rebecca's body back from Gallows Hill to her farm. This area has been greatly changed by land filling since the 1700's. The river was just as wide on both sides of the river in the 1600's.

Follow the road straight into Salem until you reach the Witch house on your right at Essex St. Use Map #6 for an enlarged view of this area.

STOP #9 - Witch House - This is a reconstruction of the house of Jonathan Corwin, built in 1642. The preliminary examination of witnesses was said to have taken place here during the 1692 scare by John
Continue easterly along Centre St. to the next fire hydrant and a telephone pole marked with a yellow band. To the left of these markers you will see a sigh pointing to the left. Follow the driveway behind #67 Centre St., along the stone fence. This driveway was a street in the old days and leads to the archeological dig in the rear. Use discretion and control the group as this is private property.

STOP #3 - Foundation of Rev. Parris' Home - This is the site of the beginning of the witchcraft hysteria in Salem. For it was here that the servant of Rev. Parris, a girl from the West Indies named Tituba, first told stories of voo-doo, witchcraft and spells to a group of impressionable local girls. These girls then began to accuse their neighbors of casting spells on them.

Three foundations have been uncovered. The oldest is the original cellar, constructed in 1681. The second, larger cellar represents an addition built in 1734. The small foundation at the rear is believed to be the location of the quarters of the servant girl, Tituba, and represents the site where the witchcraft stories were told. Only a portion of the original house had a cellar, the rest of the house rested on the ground and was located between the original cellar and the small foundation of the servant. Rocks have been placed on the ground to show the outline of the house. A complete history of this house and the discovery of its foundation may be found in the pamphlet, "The Devil Among Us" by Richard Trask of Danvers.

After viewing the foundations, return to the street and turn left (east) and continue along Centre St. to Danvers marker #4, a white house on the corner of the next intersection. The house is on the left, set back from the street.

Point of interest off the Trail - Half way down Page St (third left after Town Hall) is the Danvers Historical Society headquarters. (Red brick Building on the right side with white fence.) Inside is the preserved skeleton remains of George Jacobs Sr. who was executed for Witchcraft on Aug. 19, 1692. Items found at the Rev. Parris Foundation are also here.

Continue to the center of Danvers to the traffic lights - intersection of High St.- Rt. 35. Turn right onto High St.- Rt. 35.

Junction of Express and Scenic Loop
Continue on High St. south, passing under Rt. 128. Turn right at the next traffic light - a big white church is on the corner. Follow Rt. 35 over the bridge which is over the outlet to Crane River - which the Nurse family used to transport Rebecca's body home.

Look at the flow of water under the bridge - it was once used to generate power. An old grinding mill was located here and the rise and fall of the tide provided the power to run it and grind the grain. Possible source of energy again in the future??

On your right as you cross the bridge - west - is a high piece of land. This is marked "B" on Map #4. This land was used by the Naukeague Indians as a camp-ground and later by the Endicott family as a burial site.

(At the next bridge you will come to the home of a Civil War Hero - Who is it??)
(Want another challenge? - what is the oldest grave you can see from the road in the next graveyard you pass??)

Continue south on Rt. 35 and you will pass Endicott St. on your right. About one half mile away is a living thing that saw the Witchcraft Trials! There is a tree down therethat is over 350 years old. If you have the time, turn right and you will see
STOP #4 Ingersoll House - At the time of the scare this house was a tavern, meeting place and a house for prayer meetings. It was here that some of the accused of this area were questioned to determine if they should be brought to trial.

Cross the street to the church.

STOP #5 - Watch House Hill - It was near this site that the new church was built after the witchcraft panic ended. The new minister re-united the people and Ann Putnsm, the chief witness against the 'Witches' came to this church to ask for forgiveness. This church has all the records for the past 300 years stored inside. The minister who united the people was Rev. Green.

Continue down Centre St. to Marker #6 - a red house on your left.

STOP #6 Haines House - When the witchcraft trials took place the owner of this house testified against Elizabeth Howe of Topsfield-Ipswich. As a result Elizabeth was hung on Gallows Hill on July 19, 1692. The Haines family moved out of town soon after the hysteria died down.

Continue along Centre St to Marker #7 - a white house on the next corner.

STOP #7 Holten House - The right side of this house as you face it, is the oldest part of the building. Many additions have been added since 1692. It was Sarah Holten who helped convict Rebecca Nurse as a Witch. She claimed that Rebecca cast a spell on her husband and as a result he died suddenly. Mrs Nurse, a 71 year old grandmother, was one of the most respected women to fall victim of the witchcraft hysteria. The grave of Mrs. Nurse and her home are next on the trail. The DAR now owns the building and tells the later history of the owners.
Do not cross the street but continue East along Holten Street. Refer to Map #3, on page 9. You will pass a graveyard on your left, a short distance down the street and come to a blinking traffic light at the next major intersection, Pine Street.

Turn right at Pine Street and follow it down, across the railroad tracks and up a slight hill to the main entrance to the Nurse Estate. Large sign and dirt driveway on the right. The driveway leads to the original Nurse Farm house. Follow the driveway up to the house and then follow the dirt road that leads to the back lot of the farm. There is a grove of large trees at the far end of the farm where the graveyard is located. Please remind your group to be careful as the old headstones are easily upset or broken.

STOP #8 – Nurse Graveyard - It is here that the grave of Rebecca Nurse is located. She was hung in Salem on July 19, 1692 after having been found guilty of witchcraft. Her family brought her body here after she was hung and here body thrown in a crevice. Since 'witches' were not allowed a decent burial, everyone who took part in the transfer of the body could have been punished. Thus, they did it at night by boat so no one would see them. Crane Brook connects with the ocean and then by another river to Gallows Hill. Crane Brook is the water that runs along side the Nurse Farm.

The site of her grave was not revealed until long after the witchcraft hysteria had died down.

During her trial, many people were brave enough to speak in behalf of Rebecca, thus running the risk of being accused themselves. A marker also stands in this graveyard to honor these people.

Rebecca and the others could have saved themselves by 'confession' and accusing someone else. However, they chose to die rather than lie. Strange as it may seem, Tituba and all the others who did confess were not killed. Those who did not confess were brought to trial, found guilty and hung.

Return to the road you followed to the graveyard and go back to the Nurse house. All the land here was part of the Nurse farm in the 1600's.

The Nurse farm house looks much the same as it did during the witchcraft trials. Three rooms have been restored and furnished with items of those times. (If you wish to tour the Nurse house you may do so - if it is open. It is usually closed in the winter. There is a fee to tour the three rooms. It is not a requirement of the Trail to tour the house. If you do tour, ask the caretaker if he is related to Rebecca - one was a direct descendant.)

Continue back out the driveway the way you came to the street just opposite you as you leave the driveway. Follow Adams St. east to Sylvan St. (blinking traffic light and graveyard on corner.)

At this point you have a choice of going straight ahead on an "Express route" or turning left and following a "Scenic loop". See Map #4 – Scenic Loop is dotted.

EXPRESS ROUTE - Continue straight ahead at the corner on Adams St. It will bear left and join with Purchase St. Follow Purchase, passing entrance to a shopping center on right. This will bring you to Rt. 35. Turn right onto Rt. 35 (heading toward Rt. 128) and follow Rt. 35 (High St.) Skip the "Scenic Loop" description that follows and continue guide at the "Junction" heading on page 15.

SCENIC LOOP - Turn left at the blinking light and follow Sylvan St. north, passing a pond on your left. You will pass a large white building on your left just after the pond. This building is the Peabody Institute Library and contains the largest collection of printed matter on Salem Witchcraft in the nation. It is open to the public but is not designed for group tours.

You will pass the Town Hall on your left and come to the center of the business district.