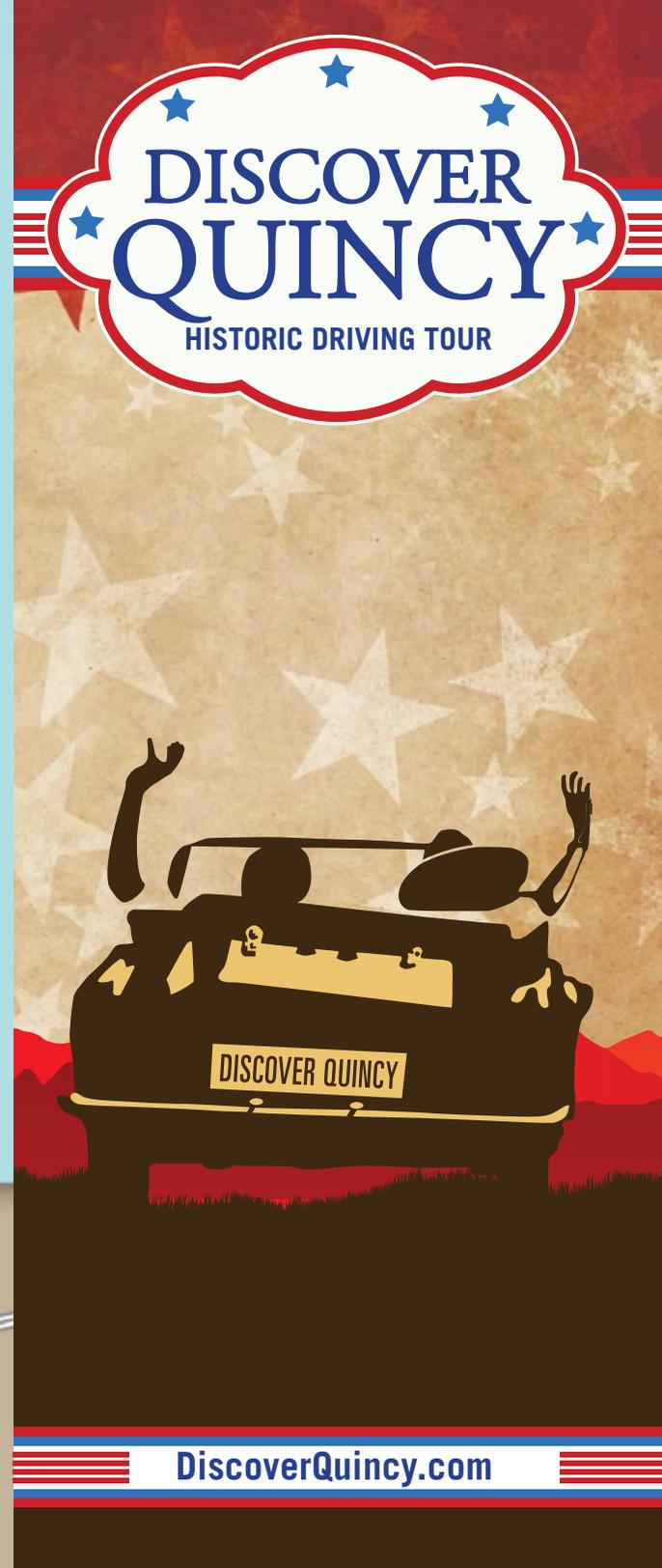




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HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR

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**1 A**  
**CITY HALL**  
1305 Hancock Street

Built in 1844, old City Hall is one of the oldest functioning seats of government in the country. Its academic Greek Revival architecture has been described as one of the outstanding examples of mid-century classical American design. Architect Solomon Willard was instrumental in the development of the granite industry in Quincy. Historic preservation work has recently been completed and visitors are welcome to tour the Great Hall and historic exhibit.



**1 B**  
**ADAMS CRYPT UNITED FIRST PARISH CHURCH**  
1306 Hancock Street | 617-773-0062 | ufpc.org  
Open April 19-Nov. 11. M-F: 11-4, Sat/Sun: 12-4.

Known as the “Church of the Presidents,” this historic church was built from Quincy granite in 1828 with funds provided by John Adams. Tours of the church include a visit to the Adams Crypt; the final resting place of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and First Ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams. They were originally entombed across the street in the historic Hancock Cemetery adjacent to Old City Hall.



**2**  
**QUINCY HISTORY MUSEUM**  
8 Adams Street | 617-773-1144 | quincyhistory.org  
Open Mon-Fri, 9 am – 4 pm. Saturdays, mid-April–October, noon – 3 pm.

The Adams Academy, built of Quincy granite, is an early and important example of Gothic revival architecture in America. Endowed by John Adams as a preparatory school for boys, it was built on the site where the legendary patriot John Hancock was born. Now home to the Quincy Historical Society whose museum showcases the city’s history from Native American times up through the early 21st century.



**3**  
**PEACE FIELD – SUMMER WHITE HOUSE**  
**Adams National Historical Park**  
135 Adams Street | nps.gov/adam  
Historic Houses open April 19- Nov. 10, 9am-5pm daily. Visitor Center stays open Nov. 11–April 18, Tuesday through Friday, 10am-4pm.

The residence of four generations of the Adams family from 1788 to 1927, it was home to Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams; First Ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams. Stroll the grounds which include an 18th-century style formal garden, historic orchard, Stone Library (1870) and Carriage House (1873).



**4**  
**JOHN ADAMS & JOHN QUINCY ADAMS BIRTHPLACES**  
**Adams National Historical Park**  
133 Franklin Street | nps.gov/adam

John Adams was born in the salt box house located only 75 feet away from the birthplace of his son John Quincy Adams. Young John and his bride Abigail started their family, the future President launched his career in law and politics, 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.



**5**  
**ABIGAIL ADAMS CAIRN**  
340 Franklin Street  
Corner of Viden Road

On June 17, 1775, Abigail Adams and her seven year old son John Quincy walked the short distance from their farm to the top of Penn’s Hill, where they observed the smoke and fire of the Battle of Bunker Hill. The cairn, an ancient form of commemoration, was erected by the Daughters of the Revolution in 1896. The cairn’s stones came from private properties and historic sites. During historic preservation work in 2008, a time capsule was discovered.



**6**  
**QUINCY SHORES RESERVATION WOLLASTON BEACH**  
Quincy Shore Drive | WollastonBeach.org

Quincy’s largest beach offers 2.5 miles of clean sand, swimming, lifeguards, free parking, a bathhouse, a continuous walkway with scenic views of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Moswetuset Hummock (1617) was the seat of the Massachusetts Native American sachem, Chickatabot, where he negotiated with the early English settlers. The William R. Caddy Memorial Park and Black’s Creek Salt Marsh were used by Native Americans for fishing, and hunting.



**7**  
**JOSIAH QUINCY HOUSE**  
20 Muirhead Street | 617-227-3957  
HistoricNewEngland.org  
Open 1st Sat., Jun-Oct

This country estate overlooking Quincy Bay transports visitors to the Revolutionary War era and tells the story of a woman’s work to preserve her family’s history more than a hundred years later. Revolutionary leader Josiah Quincy built the house in 1770. Quincy and his family played key roles in the social and political life of Massachusetts for generations, producing three mayors of Boston and a president of Harvard.



**8**  
**DOROTHY QUINCY HOMESTEAD**  
34 Butler Road | 617-742-3190 | Open limited Sat.  
nscda.org/ma/quincy\_homestead

The earliest surviving home of the Quincy family, this house was built in 1686 by Edmund Quincy and greatly expanded and remodeled in 1706 displaying the evolution of colonial architecture. The childhood home of Dorothy Quincy who became Mrs. John Hancock, the house welcomed Benjamin Franklin as a guest and had frequent visits from young lawyer John Adams.



**9**  
**SOUTHER TIDE MILL**  
622 Southern Artery | southertidemill.com

One of only five remaining grist mills in the United States, historic preservation work is currently underway. Built in 1806 on the bank of the Town River, the mill represents the birth of Quincy’s maritime and granite industries. Quincy granite shipped from here was used in notable sites including the Boston Custom House, Bunker Hill Monument and Kings Chapel. The brig Souther, built as a gold rush ship, was built here and shipbuilding continued through the late 19th century.



**10**  
**U.S.S. SALEM**  
739 Washington Street | 617-479-7900  
uss-salem.org | Contact for hours and admission.

Quincy’s proud shipbuilding history comes to life aboard this Cold War-era heavy cruiser. Berthed at her home port, the former Fore River Shipyard, the USS Salem also serves as home to the “Kilroy Was Here” catchphrase and the United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum.

For a complete list of historical attractions, please visit [DiscoverQuincy.com](http://DiscoverQuincy.com)