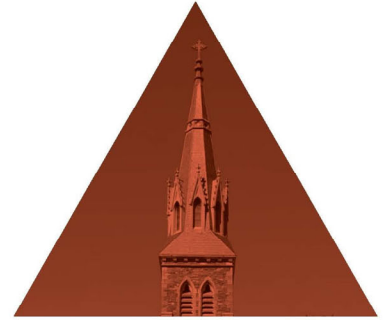


**DOORS
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L O W E L L
— MAY 18 2024 —
National Preservation Month

Put on your walking shoes & discover a different side of Lowell...
the inside!

Welcome to Doors Open Lowell 2024! Being presented for the 19th time, Doors Open Lowell is the community's signature preservation, architecture, and design event, the first of its kind in the United States when it debuted in 2002. It's a celebration of Lowell's architectural heritage, urban living, and culture that makes the community a creative and exciting place to live, work, and visit.

Presented as part of National Preservation Month, over the years the event has opened the doors to over 100 of Lowell's historic buildings. Look for old favorites this year including the Boston & Maine Railroad Depot, Tremont Yard, and St. Patrick's Church and don't miss Doors Open XTRAs where you can participate in other special activities throughout the day.



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GREATER MERRIMACK VALLEY
Convention & Visitors Bureau

Your Guide to the Hidden Side of Lowell!

No tickets or pre-registration required, and it's always totally free! Just look for the big blue banners at the following locations.

Parking

Convenient parking is available at five City-owned garages around the city. Look for the **P** symbol on the map. Street parking is also available near many locations.

Shuttle Bus

Our convenient shuttle bus will run on a rolling basis between 1 pm and 4 pm. Catch it at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center on Market Street or at any of the stops indicated on the building roster.

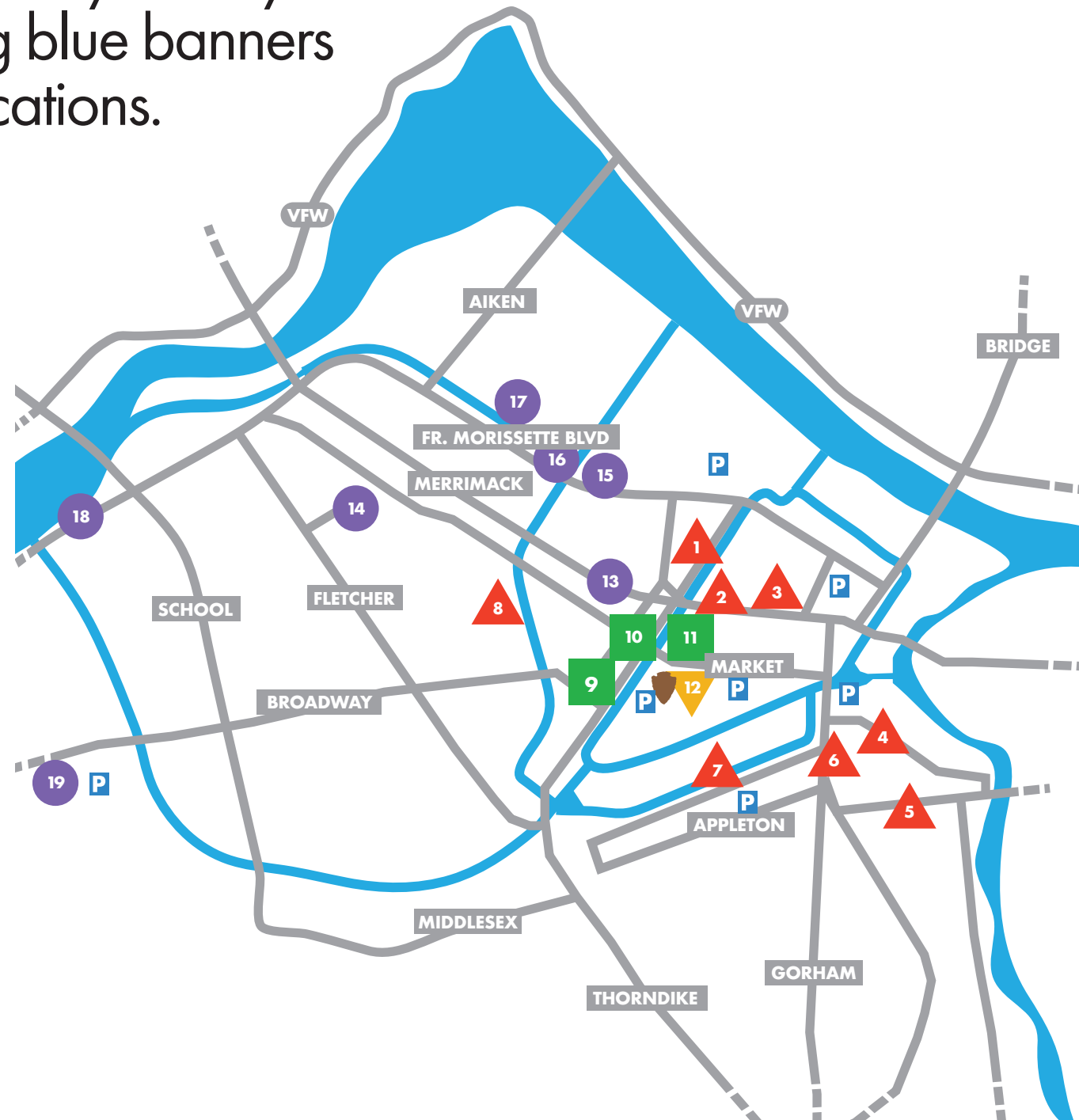
Accessibility

All sites are wheelchair accessible.

Other Info

Get more info at the [Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center](https://www.lowellnh.org) at Market Mills. For additional info on all of these sites, please go to doorsopenlowell.org.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, program is subject to change.



Saturday, May 18

Bus Service 1pm-4pm

10am-1pm

- 1 Masonic Temple**
79 Dutton Street
Built as Lowell's Masonic Temple (1928), the building serves the same use today. Learn about the Masons and view several meeting rooms as you tour this Classical Revival structure.
- 2 Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse**
Merrimack Street @ Merrimack Canal
Discover how this gatehouse (1848) regulated the flow of water through the underground Moody Street Feeder, connecting the Western Canal to the Merrimack Canal.
- 3 St. Anne's Church**
227 Merrimack Street
This Gothic Revival church (1825) is modeled after a medieval English church and is home to several Tiffany stained glass windows. Originally providing worship for the mill girls, it has been central to Lowell's story for 200 years. Still in use today for worship, come see its deep-rooted past and help kick off its bicentennial.
- 4 UTEC**
35 Warren Street
Now home to UTEC, the Greek Revival style former St. Paul's Church (1839) is the oldest LEED Platinum certified green building in the world.
- 5 First United Baptist Church**
99 Church Street
View the Greek Revival style First United Baptist Church (1826) that was the second church to be founded in Lowell.
- 6 Boston & Maine Railroad Depot**
240 Central Street
This High Victorian Gothic style structure (1876) was originally built as a train depot but is more commonly known locally as the former Rialto Theater up until 1960 when it was converted into a bowling alley. Discover how it has been spectacularly rehabilitated by Middlesex Community College and is now home to the Richard & Nancy Donahue Family Academic Arts Center.
- 7 Counting House Lofts**
109 Jackson Street
See how the former Countinghouse (ca. 1870) and Storehouse (ca. 1865) in the Hamilton millyard has been converted into residential use by the Winn Companies.
- 8 St. Patrick Church**
282 Suffolk Street
Visit this Gothic Revival church (1853-1874) and learn more about past restoration projects and how the church continues to serve Lowell's immigrant populations today. Designed by famed ecclesiastic architect Patrick Keely, St. Patrick is home to the oldest Catholic parish in the Merrimack Valley and third oldest in the Archdiocese of Boston.

10am-4pm

- 9 Whistler House Museum of Art**
243 Worthen Street
Built for the Lowell Machine Shop's agent, this Federal/Greek Revival building (ca. 1825) is best known as the birthplace of artist James McNeil Whistler.
- 10 Gates Block**
307 Market Street
The Gates Block (1881) originally housed a leather goods manufacturer as well as the manufactory for Moxie Nerve Food, a patent medicine that later became a soft drink. Explore the building's rebirth as an arts center, home to the Arts League of Lowell, Van Gogh's Gear Art Supplies, and three floors of artist studios.
- 11 National Streetcar Museum**
25 Shattuck Street
The Queen Anne style Mack Building (1886) was originally home to W.A. Mack and Company, a manufacturer and dealer in cast iron stoves, architectural elements, fences, and other metal products. Browse exhibits about the influence of street railways on the development of our cities.

11am-4pm

- 12 Brush Art Gallery & Studios**
256 Market Street
Browse these working artist studios and view current exhibits housed in this Italianate style mill building originally built by the Lowell Manufacturing Company in 1882, today the Market Mills complex.

1pm-4pm

- 13 Pollard Memorial Library**
401 Merrimack Street
See the restored Richardsonian Romanesque Pollard Memorial Library (1893) and discover how the building continues to serve as Lowell's library today. Pick up your self-guided map at any of the library information desks.
- 14 Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**
25 Fr. John Sarantos Way
Visit this Byzantine-style church (1956-1964) and discover its rich ornamentation including imported ceiling mosaics from Italy, iconography, and stained glass.
- 15 Tremont Yard**
1 Tremont Place
Located beneath Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union, discover exposed historic subterranean waterpower features that were the site of pioneering turbine experiments undertaken by famed engineer James B. Francis in 1855.
- 16 Tremont Gatehouse**
Suffolk Street @ Western Canal
The Italianate style Tremont Gatehouse (1855) is one of the smallest on the Lowell canal system. Take a peek inside and see how it helped regulate water flow on this portion of the system.
- 17 River Transformed Exhibit**
Wannalancit Mill
Find out how engineers harnessed the waterpower of the Merrimack River to drive Lowell's mills.
- 18 Spalding House**
383 Pawtucket Street
The Georgian style Spalding House (1761) is the third oldest surviving house in Lowell. Discover its history and the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust's preservation efforts.
- 19 Coburn Hall**
850 Broadway Street
Built for the Lowell Normal School, a state teaching college founded in 1894, the Classical Revival Coburn Hall (1897) was named for Frank Coburn, the first dean of the school. Today part of UMass-Lowell, it underwent a major rehabilitation that was completed in early 2020, receiving an award from the Boston Society for Architecture for accessible design. Learn more about the building as well as its various 1930s era murals.

Doors Open XTRAs

Be sure to check out these XTRA special Doors Open Lowell activities, indicated with a symbol. For a full schedule, see page 4.

Social Media

We love seeing what you're up to! Please follow and tag us at these accounts as you adventure through the day!

- Doors Open Lowell**
- DoorsOpenLowell**



Don't miss Doors Open XTRAs!

These are special opportunities to enhance your Doors Open Lowell experience. They're free and no preregistration is required but attendance may be limited to a first come, first serve basis.

St. Patrick Church

282 Suffolk Street
10:15 am, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm

Come hear Parish organist Jeffrey Smith play the recently fully restored 1906 Jesse Woodberry pipe organ. The organ is believed to be the largest operable pipe organ in Lowell today and you'll be welcome to visit the choir loft to see it up close.

10:30 am, 11:30am, 12:30 pm

Hidden in the steeple of St. Patrick Church are eleven bells, which together are known as a chime and one of only two chimes in Lowell. Come hear Parish chimer Robert "Bob" Feldman demonstrate the chime during three brief 15-minute chime concerts.

11 am - noon

Kirk Street Agents House

67 Kirk Street

This Greek Revival style building (1846) was originally home to the agents of the Boott Cotton Mills and Massachusetts Mills and is now the Lowell National Historical Park administrative headquarters. Meet Lowell National Historical Park historical architect David Michael Lieb, RA and learn about the building's evolution, and ongoing exterior rehabilitation project that includes windows, masonry, and brownstone restoration.

Noon

Gates Block

307 Market Street

In addition to touring three floors of creative studios, touring their gallery, and relaxing in the adjacent garden from 10am-4pm, stop by and see a noontime artist demonstration in the gallery.

1-4pm

Tremont Yard

1 Tremont Place

Discover historic subterranean waterpower features with former Lowell National Historical Park Ranger Dave Redding.

1-4pm

Spalding House

383 Pawtucket Street

View paintings by Mark Romanowsky and also learn about water quality in rivers through a hands-on demonstration on the back patio.

1-4pm

Coburn Hall

850 Broadway Street

Meet UMass-Lowell professor Marie Frank and learn more about the history and restoration of Coburn Hall's 1930s era murals.

KEY STATS

\$1 billion

in projects have been approved and undertaken in the Downtown Lowell Historic District and National Park areas

98%

of 5.2 million square feet of mill space has been rehabilitated. **Preservation sets the stage** for much of the city's economic development, tourism, and cultural efforts and Doors Open Lowell is an opportunity to catch a glimpse of that success.



Toronto brought the Doors Open concept to North America in 2000, Lowell's followed in 2002. In 2004 Doors Open Lowell was recognized as an "innovative program" by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the White House when Lowell was designated a Preserve America Community.

Our Special Thanks to Our Supporters

Doors Open Lowell would not be possible without the support of many dedicated people. On behalf of those who enjoy the event, we would like to extend a special thank you. And of course the event would not be possible without the support and access provided by the many owners and tenants who graciously open their buildings to the public.

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