



The Great Grantham Scavenger Hunt, Celebrating Grantham's 250th Anniversary

Presented by

The Grantham Conservation Commission and
The Grantham Historical Society

Introduction

Welcome to the Great Grantham Scavenger Hunt of 2018, celebrating Grantham's 250th anniversary. In honor of this occasion, the Conservation Commission and Historical Society have collected a series of approximately 50 different historic, iconic, or unique locations spread throughout the town of Grantham. The objective is to visit as many of them as you can between now and Old Home Day on July 4th, 2018, and to take a picture of each location to prove that you've been there.

Some of these locations are easy to find. Some are difficult. Some are right near downtown, and a handful require a bit of hiking. Our goal was to get everyone out and exploring some of the little unique nooks and crannies of Grantham that you may have driven or walked by before, without really noticing them, and to learn more about Grantham's rich history.

The Prize

We've given you almost 50 places to photograph. If you photograph at least 30 of them by Old Home Day, the Conservation Commission will give you a custom 1" enameled hat pin of the town logo commemorating Grantham's 250th. To redeem, either bring your photo collection by the Conservation Commission's table (we're flexible, printed is fine, so are online photo albums or showing us photos on your phone or tablet) at Old Home Day, or email them to puzzle@granthamscavengerhunt.com, and we'll verify and leave a pin for you to pick up at the Selectboard's office. Prizes are limited in quantity, so only the first approximately 100 savvy sleuths will receive pins!

Teams

With over 50 potential photographs, feel free to form teams with your friends or family. Just let us know who is one your team, and submit your photographs clearly indicating your team membership.

The Rules

There's really only one rule: Respect other people's property and privacy. While all of the Scavenger Hunt locations are publicly accessible, some are close to people's homes and property, so no trespassing, no peeking in windows, and, if in doubt, ask permission first!

Questions?

For questions on the rules, or further hints if you can't find a location, email us at puzzle@granthamscavengerhunt.com! Also periodically check the website through Old Home Day for announcements, corrections, and hints!

The Locations

The locations are grouped into a few categories: Buildings, Ruins, Parks, Historical Markers, Cemeteries, Ponds, and Miscellaneous History. You'll notice that with one or two exceptions, we *haven't* given you exact locations, just given a general description. There are even a few bonus locations described that you'll have to figure out on your own. We recommend healthy use of Google, talking to your town Historical Society and Conservation Commission members, or if really puzzled, your scavenger hunt director at rich@kaszeta.org. Happy hunting!

Buildings

With over 250 years of history, Grantham has more than a few noteworthy old buildings, and a number of newer, interesting locations as well. Your job is to find:

1. **The Old Grantham Village School.** This building served for many years as the central Grantham Village School, and after that, it served as both the Town Offices and the Police Station for several years. It's still a town building, but is used for other purposes. Can you find it? (**Bonus Location:** the old North Grantham Village School is still around, but you'll have to ask about its location, and ask permission for photos since it's now a private residence).
2. **This Building originally was located up on Dunbar Hill, and was moved to its current location in the early 1900s, gaining an additional story in the process.** Inside the building are several historic stained glass panels sponsored by famous, historical Grantham families. For credit, we need a picture from *inside* the building showing the glasswork.
3. **The Old Reney Store.** For decades, the Reney family owned a General Store that later became a gas station catering to motorists traveling along New Hampshire Highway 10. The store is still a retail location, but no longer sells gasoline or general goods.
4. The Blue Mountain Snow Dusters maintains a network of hiking, skiing, and snowmobiling trails throughout Grantham as part of a state-wide network. The Snow Duster's work includes **Two Warming Huts** along Grantham's snowmobile trails; provide pictures of both Huts.

5. A relative newcomer to the scene, in 2016 the Grantham Village School added a **new, special classroom to the school**, focusing on Nature education. Take a picture of that classroom.

Ruins and Wreckage

In addition to the many buildings and homes currently in Grantham, more than a few buildings and structures have come and gone over the years, but have left ruins or cellar holes to remember them by:

1. **The Old Miller Pond Mill.** Miller Pond is so named because it actually once was a “Miller’s Pond”. At the southeast end of Miller Pond is an old dam and the foundations of an old mill. Take a picture of that mill foundation.
2. **The Route 114 Mill.** Along the north side of Route 114 is another stone dam and the foundations of another mill. Take pictures of that mill foundation (remembering to respect the homeowner, please do not use the driveway).
3. **The Downtown Grantham Mill.** South of the Library along the west side of Route 10 is another old mill location. Take pictures of the mill’s dam and the old millstone at the site (**Bonus:** Not too far away is another millstone, this one intact in a garden. Take a picture of that millstone as well).
4. **Old Grantham Settlements (2 locations).** It’s hard to believe that much of Grantham’s population wasn’t centered down in the valley by the creeks, but was located up in the hills to get away from all the bugs and to be closer to the forests for wood. Much remains of these old settlements are still around, with notable groups of old cellar holes found **at the intersection of Fay Road and Leavitt Hill Road** (GPS: 43.547612, -72.155343), and another at Old Four Corners, the **intersection of Miller Pond Road and the Old Croydon Turnpike** (GPS: 43.534079, -72.179515). Take a picture of an old cellar hole with a description of the location for credit (credit given for one cellar hole at each location!).
5. Along Leavitt Hill Road, not too far from the Fay/Leavitt Hill intersection, is the **remains of an old horse-drawn harvester/reaper** that appears to have been abandoned in place decades ago. Take a picture of the old farm equipment.

Parks

While Grantham is primarily a rural town, it didn’t have a lot of dedicated park land until relatively recently, and now has several parks that include some secondary attractions:

1. **Brookside Park.** Created in 1984 through a generous donation from the Hanslin Family, Brookside Park has long provided a quiet picnicking area alongside Route 10. Take a picture of the Brookside Park Sign for credit, with bonus credits given for pictures of the following attractions inside the park:
 - a. **The Lisa Laramie Williams Memorial Bench**, dedicated to the memory of a young Grantham resident, who died in 2006 and also liked to visit the park.

- b. **Alligator Rock** is located in the southwest portion of the park.
 - c. **Double Cascade Falls and the Potholes** formed by years of heavy springtime waters racing over some of the glacial erratics (boulders left behind by retreating glaciers) left by the last glacial advance (depending on rainfall, the Potholes may be underwater!)
 - d. **A Gnome.** A concrete gnome is guarding one of the parks attractions from potential trolls!
 - e. **The Old Apple Orchard.** Located in what used to be the town fairgrounds prior to the arrival of I-89, an apple orchard was maintained here through the 1980s. The Grantham Garden Club is in the process of restoring this orchard and planting a pollination garden. For credit, take a picture of the kiosk at the orchard.
 - f. **The Old Bridge Abutment.** To get to the fairgrounds from the main road in Grantham (now “Route 10”), there was a timber bridge over the brook. The stone foundations are still there, and may even be home to another pedestrian bridge in the future. Take a picture of the abutments for credit.
2. **The Reney Memorial Forest** was created in the early 2000s from land formerly held by the Reney family. Maintained for sustainable forestry, this land is now under conservation by the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (and includes a few other scavenger hunt locations!). For credit, take a picture of the trailhead kiosk.
 3. **The Grantham Recreation Park** was also developed in the early 2000s from land that used to be farmland on the south end of Grantham. In 2012, the athletic field facilities were vastly improved with a donation from the Timken Foundation. For credit, photograph the dedication plaque from that donation. For bonus points, seek out these other nearby locations:
 - a. **The old Juniper Hill Farm** included a commercial blueberry patch that can now be picked by local residents in season in exchange for donations supporting Grantham Recreation Park development. Take a picture of the sign commemorating the old Juniper Hill Farm.
 - b. **The Recreation Park Donor Garden** is a series of benches and commemorative bricks of the other sponsors of the initial development of the Recreation Park. Take a picture of the Donor Garden.
 4. While not formally a Park, the **Grantham Village School Nature Trail** provides a nice exploration of the natural woodlands behind the school. For credit, take pictures of the trailhead kiosk.

Historical Markers

In addition to historical markers already mentioned in our parks and buildings, several other historical markers are scattered around Grantham:

1. **Veterans' Honor Roll.** Near the Dunbar Free Library are two stone markers commemorating Grantham's residents involved in the Revolutionary through Vietnam wars. Take a picture of either stone marker.
2. **Shakespeare Garden.** In memory of Dunbar Free Library supporter Joyce Andrews, a "Shakespeare Garden" was created. Take a picture of the memorial marker.
3. The Leavitt Family, was one of Grantham's earliest families, and Leavitt Hill, Leavitt Pond, and Leavitt Hill Road are all named after the family descending from Nathaniel Leavitt, who arrived in Grantham in the late 1700s. In the early 2000s, descendants of Nathaniel Leavitt (who include Mike Leavitt, former Governor of Utah) left several historical markers. The easiest to find is the **Marker at the junction of Leavitt Hill Road and Miller Pond Road.** Take a picture of any of these Leavitt Markers for credit. (Bonus points if you can find any of the others!)
4. One tradition of New Hampshire Law is that the boundaries between towns are supposed to be clearly delineated with markers, and that towns periodically "perambulate the town lines" to verify these boundaries. Literally dozens of these markers are still in existence, credit will be given for up to five boundary markers if photographed and their position clearly documented. For starters, here are two easily found ones:
 - a. A marker exists on Bouldervale lane clearly indicating the **split between Grantham and Croydon.**
 - b. A stone monument marks the mutual corner of **Grantham, Enfield, and Springfield.**
5. **Old Mile Markers.** New Hampshire Route 10 going through town used to be, along with Route 4, the "Dartmouth College Highway", one of the major thoroughfares of western NH predating both automobiles and the age of the Interstate. To aid in travelers, the road used to have large concrete mile markers at each mile. At least two of these mile markers still remain in Grantham, take a picture of either of them. (Hint: one is near Mile Marker 63 using the current mileage marker signs).
6. The **Emil Hanslin Memorial.** 20th century resident of the northern end of Grantham, Emil Hanslin donated several parcels of land to the town for recreation and conservation (see Brookside Park, above). There is a memorial to Emil on the main road into Eastman.
7. Near the Grantham Village School is a **Liberty Tree** memorial placed by the Elm Research Institute. Take a picture of the plaque for credit.

Cemeteries

While it's impossible to visit the Grantham Village School without seeing Grantham's main Memorial Cemetery, Grantham actually has over a half dozen cemeteries sprinkled through town:

1. **Grantham Memorial Cemetery** itself, located on Learning Drive in central Grantham, is the town's current primary cemetery. Several residents of note are buried here, for credit find a "Hastings" or a "Reney" memorial stone.
2. **Dunbar Hill Cemetery**, located at the intersection of Cote Road and Dunbar Hill Road, also contains many famous residents of Grantham, including members of the Howard, Sanborn, Sargent, and Smith Families. At the back of the cemetery is a small memorial to an unnamed child of Lewis and Mary Sanborn holding a puppy. Take a picture of this charming memorial.
3. **Hilldale Cemetery**, on the western shore of Stocker Pond, was one of Grantham's main cemeteries until Grantham Memorial was opened up, and also contains several hundred graves including members of the Barton, Burpee, Colby, Eastman, Hastings, Howe, and Pillsbury families. For credit, locate the grave of PFC Jerry Dean Pillsbury, who was Grantham's only resident to die in combat in the Vietnam War.
4. **Hastings Cemetery**, located on the southern side of Burpee Hill Road, contains several graves and memorials to members of the Hastings family. For credit, take a picture of any of the grave markers.
5. **Burpee Hill Cemetery** is located on the northern side of Burpee Hill Road, just a bit east of Hastings Cemetery, and holds several graves and memorials to the Brown, Buswell, and Eastman families, among others. For credit, find the grave of Lucius A Buswell, a Grantham resident who died in the Civil War.
6. **Leavitt Hill Cemetery** is perhaps Grantham's most difficult cemetery to locate. It is situated about 1.5 miles from the main trailhead on Leavitt Hill Road, and before the road reaches Leavitt Pond. This cemetery holds about two dozen members of the Leavitt Family, and another historical plaque from the Leavitt family. For credit, photograph either the plaque or a Leavitt tombstone. (GPS: 43.55472, -72.16389)

Ponds

Like most New England Towns, Grantham isn't lacking in ponds and streams. There are at least 7 recognized ponds in Grantham, and credit will be given for identifiable pictures of any of these ponds (with bonus points awarded by discretion for other ponds not on this list):

1. **Butternut Pond**
2. **Lily Pond**
3. **Miller Pond**
4. **Stocker Pond** (easily photographed from the back of Hilldale Cemetery above!)
5. **Chase Pond**
6. **Leavitt Pond** (easily found if already searching out Leavitt Hill Cemetery)
7. **Eastman Pond** (easily photographed from the main boat landing)
8. **Anderson Pond**
9. **Walker Pond** (accessible from Splitrock Road)

Miscellaneous Places

In addition to the various historical locations mentioned above, several other locations are worth searching out to round out your appreciation of Grantham, so we've including the following bonus locations:

1. Grantham has at least one "**Pirate Ship**", complete with a chainsaw art Captain Jack Sparrow. Photograph the Pirate Ship, preferably while saying "Arrrrr!"
2. In addition to the main library, Grantham has at least three "**Little Free Libraries**". Credit given for a photo of each (hint, you'll encounter them near other items on this list, so keep your eyes open!)
3. While much of New England loves its ice cream and "Creamee" stands, there's currently only one (seasonal) ice cream stand in Grantham: **Peppermint Pattie's**. For credit, photograph either Pattie's or the nearby Talulah's glasswork.
4. While many NH towns have covered bridges, Grantham only has one, and it is for pedestrians only. Photograph **Grantham's only covered bridge**.
5. Finally, three points are granted to anyone who can find and take a picture of this, located on one of Grantham's peaks and providing a destination for an excellent hike:

