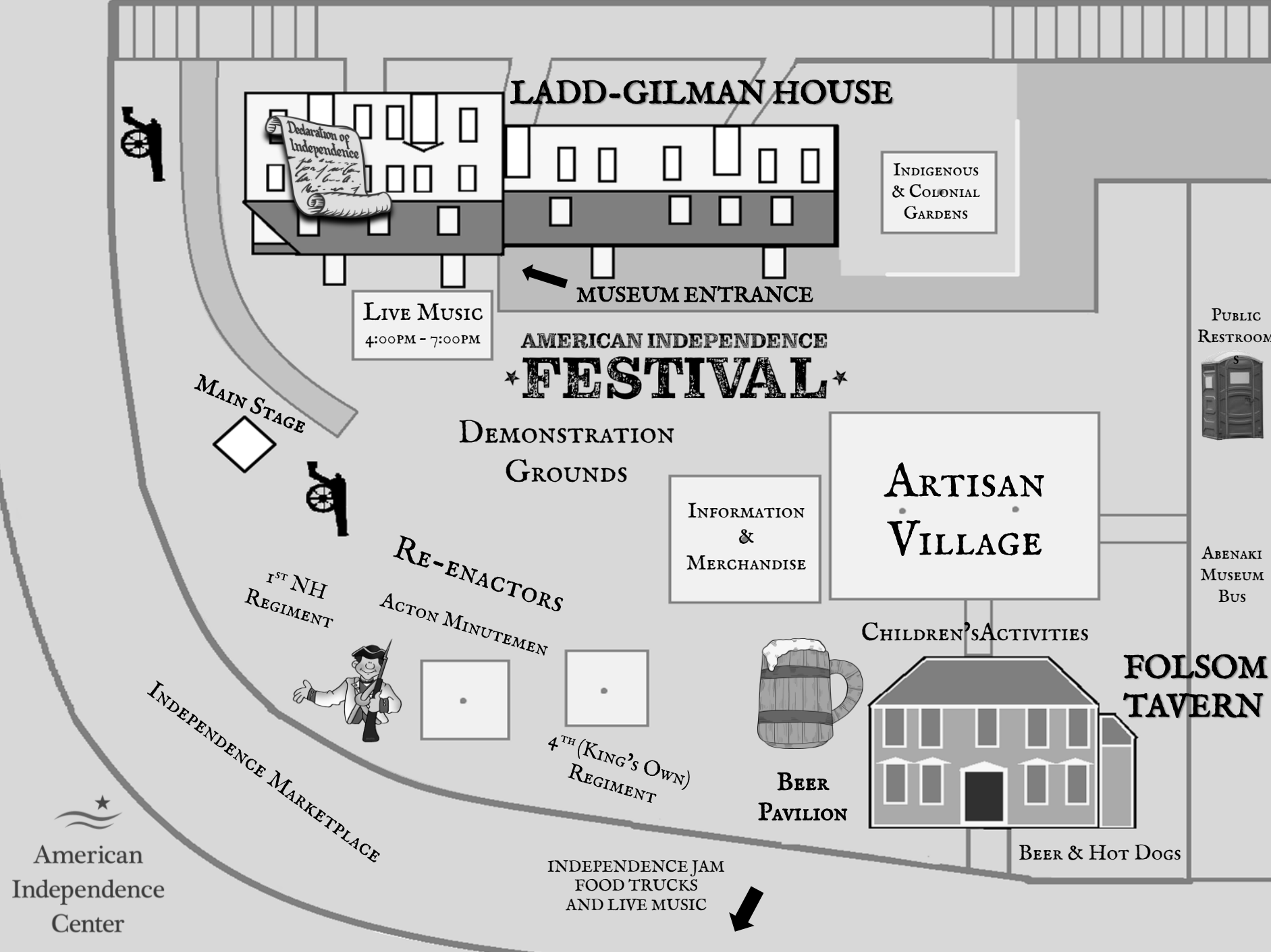




LADD-GILMAN HOUSE

INDIGENOUS
& COLONIAL
GARDENS

MUSEUM ENTRANCE

LIVE MUSIC
4:00PM - 7:00PM

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
★FESTIVAL★

DEMONSTRATION
GROUNDS

MAIN STAGE

INFORMATION
&
MERCHANDISE

ARTISAN
VILLAGE

PUBLIC
RESTROOM

ABENAKI
MUSEUM
BUS

1ST NH
REGIMENT

RE-ENACTORS
ACTON MINUTEMEN

4TH (KING'S OWN)
REGIMENT

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FOLSOM
TAVERN



BEER
PAVILION



BEER & HOT DOGS

INDEPENDENCE MARKETPLACE

INDEPENDENCE JAM
FOOD TRUCKS
AND LIVE MUSIC

American
Independence
Center

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL ☆ JULY 11, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 **THE INAUGURAL PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS 5K (new!)**
ROAD RACE
WATER STREET
- 10:00 **FESTIVAL OPENS!**
WELCOME BY AIC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE PACE
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WITH DENISE & PAUL POULIOT
MAIN STAGE - FOLSOM LAWN
- 10:30 **DISPATCHES FROM PHILADELPHIA!**
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ARRIVES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
READING BY JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN
MAIN STAGE - FOLSOM LAWN
- 11:00 **ENEMY PLAINLY IN SIGHT (new!)**
A SKIRMISH BETWEEN COLONIAL AND ROYAL FORCES
SWASEY PARKWAY
- 12:00 **HISTORIC SWORDPLAY**
FENCING INSTRUCTOR ANNE KRAEMER
DEMONSTRATION GROUNDS
- 1:00 **THE COLONIAL MILITIA**
ACTON MINUTEMEN
DEMONSTRATION GROUNDS - FOLSOM LAWN
- 1:30 **CHILDREN'S MUSTER**
BE A REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER, WITH NH 1ST REGIMENT
DEMONSTRATION GROUNDS - FOLSOM LAWN
- 2:00 **THE BRITISH ARMY ON DISPLAY**
THE 4TH (KING'S OWN) REGIMENT OF THE FOOT
DEMONSTRATION GROUNDS - FOLSOM LAWN
- 3:00 **THE CONTINENTAL ARMY**
NH 1ST REGIMENT
DEMONSTRATION GROUNDS - FOLSOM LAWN
- 4:00 **FESTIVAL CONCLUDES**
- 4:00 **LIVE MUSIC AND THE EXPANDED BEER PAVILION (new!)**
TODD HEARON & FRIENDS
INDEPENDENCE CENTER PATIO
SAMUEL ADAMS BEER AND KAYEM HOT DOGS ON SALE
FOLSOM TAVERN



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

VIEWING OF THE DUNLAP BROADSIDE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE GILMAN DRAFT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND MUSEUM EXHIBITS
LADD-GILMAN HOUSE



TRADITIONAL ARTISANS & COLONIAL LIFE
SPONSORED BY THE EXETER 250 COMMISSION
FOLSOM LAWN



PETER OAKLEY - SHOEMAKER
PETER COOK - FLAX SPINNER
JAY BLAIN - LEATHERWORKER
JUDY WASSON - BASKETMAKING
LAUREL JAMIESON - SPINNER/WOOL
JOSH DUMMIT - CHANDLER/CANDLEMAKING
PENNY LACROIX - WOOL SPINNER

LINDA OAKLEY - DRESSMAKING/SEWING
CHUCK WALKER - HORNER
BILL WASSON - ROPEMAKER
STEVE ZOLDACK - POTTER
GARRY KALAJIAN - BLACKSMITH
DAN LACROIX - WOODWORKER

ARMING THE REVOLUTION - 18TH CENTURY ARMS DISPLAY
ERIC VON ASCHWEGE
FOLSOM LAWN



HISTORIC SWORD DISPLAY
FENCING INSTRUCTOR ANNE KRAEMER
FOLSOM LAWN

MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS
FOLSOM LAWN

MEET GEORGE WASHINGTON
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CENTER CAMPUS

CONVERSATION WITH JACK STAINES
FOLSOM TAVERN

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
FOLSOM TAVERN

INDIGENOUS AND COLONIAL GARDENS DISPLAY
ALONGSIDE THE LADD-GILMAN HOUSE

BEER PAVILION (12-7 PM)
BROUGHT TO YOU BY SAMUEL ADAMS
FOLSOM TAVERN FRONT ENTRANCE



INFORMATION AND MERCHANDISE SALES
FOLSOM LAWN

INDEPENDENCE MARKETPLACE
VENDORS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
WATER STREET

ABENAKI MUSEUM BUS
COWASUCK BAND OF THE
PENNACOOK ABENAKI PEOPLE
FOLSOM TAVERN LOT



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