Salem and Essex County have a wealth of structures still standing that witnessed the period of the 1692 witchcraft trials. This is a guide to the sites used in Salem Witch Hunt: Examine the Evidence and is intended to encourage visitors to experience 17th century New England life for themselves. Directions from the National Park Service Visitor Center in Salem are included for each site.

### The Corwin House ("The Witch House")

**310 Essex Street • Salem**

In 1692, this building was the home of wealthy merchant Jonathan Corwin. As a successful member of Salem’s elite, Corwin was expected to serve on town committees and in the judiciary system. He was one of the judges chosen for the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Salem that examined and tried the accused witches.

**Walking Directions from the Visitor Center**

From the Visitor Center, turn right on Essex St. and walk down the pedestrian mall. Cross Washington St., and continue along Essex St. to the light. The Witch House is on the corner of Essex and North Streets. The walk should take about 10 minutes.

For further information, hours and admission fees, visit on the web: [www.witchhouse.info](http://www.witchhouse.info)

### Salem Witch Trials Memorial

**98 New Liberty Street • Salem**

Opened in 1992 for the 300th anniversary of the witchcraft trials, this memorial consists of 20 stone benches, each engraved with the name of one of the executed victims of the trials. It is a place to reflect on those who died, and what the trials mean to us today.

**Walking Directions from the Visitor Center**

From the Visitor Center, cross Essex Street and follow the pedestrian path to Central Street. The memorial is located across Central Street from the end of the path.

### Gallows Hill

**Proctor Street • Salem**

There has been a great deal of debate about the exact place of execution of the victims of the trials. Most scholars now agree that it was in the vicinity of Gallows Hill. Gallows Hill is mostly private property today, but there is a park at the top of the hill that is open to the public.

**Driving Directions from the Visitor Center**

From the Visitor Center on New Liberty Street, take a left on Brown Street and a right on St. Peter Street. At the end of St. Peter St., turn left onto Bridge St. Merge right onto 114 west. Follow 114 west past 95/128 and take the right fork onto Sylvan St. About half a mile down Sylvan St., take a left on Pine St.

For information about hours and research, visit on the web: [www.rebeccanurse.org](http://www.rebeccanurse.org)

### Nurse Homestead

**149 Pine Street • Danvers**

This was the home of Rebecca Nurse, one of the accused witches. Also on the property is the Nurse family graveyard, where Rebecca’s body was secretly buried by her family after her execution. A reconstruction of the Salem Village meeting-house is located near the barn on the property.

**Driving Directions from the Visitor Center**

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For further information, hours and admission fees, visit on the web: [www.noblenet.org/danvers](http://www.noblenet.org/danvers)

### Danvers Archival Center

**Peabody Institute Library • 15 Sylvan Street • Danvers**

The Danvers Archival Center holds many public, church, and private records related to the witchcraft trials and life in Salem Village.

**Driving Directions from the Visitor Center**

Turn left on Brown St., right on St. Peter St., then left on Bridge St. Merge right onto 114 W. Follow 114 W past 95/128 and take the right fork onto Sylvan St.

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Danvers Witch Memorial
176 Hobart Street • Danvers
This memorial sits on town land directly opposite the site of the Salem Village Meeting House where many of the witchcraft examinations took place. The monument includes symbols familiar to the Puritans and the words of some of the victims.

Old York Gaol
3 Lindsay Road • York, Maine
The gaol (an old spelling of jail) in York, Maine was built in 1719 using parts of the 1656 gaol. The gaol in Salem probably looked very similar.

Driving Directions from the Visitor Center
Turn left on Brown St. and right on St. Peter St. At the end of St. Peter St., turn left on Bridge St. Merge right onto Rt. 114 west. Take exit 7 and follow the spur road to Route 1. Bear right onto Route 1 South. At the traffic light, turn left onto Route 1A. In York Village, take a right onto Lindsay Road.

For further information, hours and admission fees, visit on the web: www.oldyork.org

Balch House
448 Cabot Street • Beverly
The original peaked roof, story-and-a-half section of this house is typical of the small farmhouses of 17th century Essex County. Many families of both the accused and accusers would have lived in houses like this one.

Driving Directions from the Visitor Center
Turn left on Brown St. and right on St. Peter St. At the end of St. Peter St., turn right on Bridge St. Follow Bridge St./Rt. 107 across the Beverly Bridge and straight onto Cabot St./Rt. 22. Continue on Cabot St.

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site
244 Central Street • Saugus
The Saugus Iron Works operated from 1646 to 1668. It was a major industrial site that smelted iron and made items like cast iron pots and wrought iron rods that blacksmiths could make into nails. In addition to the reconstructed Iron Works buildings with their operating water wheels and machinery, the site also has an original 1680s house.

Driving Directions from the Visitor Center
Turn left on Brown St. and right on St. Peter St. At the end of St. Peter St., turn left on Bridge St. Merge onto Rt. 114 W, and take 114 to 128 south to I-95 south. Take exit 43 (Walnut St.) off I-95. Drive east towards Lynn and follow the brown National Park Service signs for 3.5 miles to the Iron Works.

For further information, hours and admission fees, visit on the web: www.nps.gov/sair

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For Further Information
On the web: www.essexheritage.org

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