

Historical Fencing: How to Get Involved

Fencing, or rapier combat, is a popular area of martial study for many involved in the Society for Creative Anachronism, a worldwide group dedicated to the study and recreation of the best parts of the Middle Ages (www.sca.org).

Those who teach and practice fencing often study the historical manuals of the time from Italy, Spain, England, Germany and other areas to understand and employ the combat styles and techniques taught hundreds of years ago. The equipment used is designed for safety, and to replicate the swords, armor and other accoutrements of the period.

There are local groups throughout The East and the World who practice medieval fencing, and welcome newcomers. It is a joy to teach a new person how to fence, and to add to our eclectic and fun community whenever possible! Many groups have loaner gear available.

Below is a list of East Kingdom practices, their times, days of the week, fees and contact info. Reach out to the contact in advance, to ensure all the information is still correct. If you do not receive a response in a timely fashion, or if you are looking for a practice for an area not listed below, you can email kmof@eastkingdom.org. You can also check out the map here: <https://rapier.eastkingdom.org/practices/>. *Note: No current practices in Rhode Island or Delaware*

Address	When (PM)	\$\$	Contact Info	Notes
CANADA				
1090 Ave. Greene, Westmount, QC	Mon., 8	\$5	Olan Blackhand; fencers@dragondormant.eastkingdom.org	Girouard Park (Summer), Green Center (Winter)
Recreation Centre St-Roch, 230 Rue du Pont, Québec	Thur 7-9	\$7	Ike	
Military Family Resource Center, 6393 Homefire Crescent, Halifax	Mon 6:30	\$0	Verdiana di Camerino: aprilmaxwell@gmail.com	
MAINE				
Endewearde: Housing Authority Gym, 161 Davis Road, Bangor	Sun., 4-7	\$0	Radbod of Endewearde	Loaner gear available
Ravensbridge: Manchester Elementary School, 17 School St., Manchester	Wed., 6-8	\$0	Magnus Morte (Morty); Seneschal@ravensbridge.eastkingdom.org	
Malagentia: Sullivan Gym, University of Southern Maine, 66 Falmouth St. Portland	Tues. 6-9	\$5	Mat Wyck, fencing@malagentia.eastkingdom.org	Mid-May through Mid-September, outside at USM, at the corner of Brighton and Bedford Streets Loaner Gear always available
Giggleswick: Mainspring Center, 243 Knights Pond Rd. S. Berwick	1st/3rd Fri. 7-9	\$0	rapier@giggleswick.eastkingdom.org	In 3-sided barn; during Warm Weather ONLY
NEW HAMPSHIRE				
Stonemarche: 11 Avery Road, Londonderry, NH	Tues. 7:30	\$0	Brian Chabot, fencingmarshal@stonemarche.eastkingdom.org	Park in lower driveway; fencing is in the barn
Stonemarche: 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH	Thurs 7-9	\$0	Douglas Hohensee (primary) Phil Holland (Tertiary)	Exact site moves within complex; Loaner gear can be provided if contacted in advance
MASSACHUSETTS				
Carolingia: Cambridge War Memorial, 1640 Cambridge St., Cambridge	Thur. 7-9	\$7	Lupold Hass; mzurschm@gmail.com ; fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org	Contact in advance for loaner gear, park at Harvard Vanguard across the street, depending on site's needs practice might start at 7:15 rather than 7.
Fall River Police Athletic League, 3rd Floor, 33 Franklin St., Fall River	Fri. 7:30-	\$5	https://www.facebook.com/groups/PALSCAPRACTICE/	

Quintavia: Mary E. McGrath Ed Center, 130 Elm St., Millbury, MA	Mon. 7-9	\$0	Richard Medina Rm.medina346 at gmail.com Other contacts Ogedei, Nataliia, Rhiannon: quintavia_fencing_practice@googlegroups.com	If you are coming from out of town please ping the list or the MIC so that we can shout out to make sure you have lots of people to fight.
Bergental: Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA	Wed. 7-10	\$4	Devin MacPherson knightmarshal@bergental.eastkingdom.org	
Plymouth Church, 87 Edgell Road, Framingham,	Wed. 7-10	\$5	Magdalena von Kirschberg magdalenavk@gmail.com	https://carolingia.eastkingdom.org/framingham-fight-practice/
CONNECTICUT				
Keefe Center, 11 Pine St., Hamden, CT	Thur. 8-10	\$0	Catalina de Valencia fence@dragonshipaven.eastkingdom.org	Parking lot is behind the Keefe Center on George St.
VERMONT				
Mountain Freehold: Browns River Middle School, 10 River Road, Jericho, VT	Sun. 2- 5	\$0	Kenneric Aubrey; fencing@mountainfreehold.eastkingdom.org	
NEW YORK				
An Dudhaigeainn 640 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson	Fri. 7:30-10	\$5	Eanraig Bonesetter (631) 849-4066 fencers@andub.eastkingdom.org	Building F Loaner gear is available
Central Park near 59 th St. and Columbus Cir., NYC	Wed. 7-9	\$0	Alexander Maclachlan	Practice active between April and November, in good weather
Mt. Pleasant School, 1121 Forest Road, Schenectady	Mon. 6-9	\$0	Yin Fengyu 224877@members.eastkingdom.org	During the summer we go outside. Email for coordinates.
RPI Armory, 110 8th St, Troy	Sun. 2-6	\$0	Grim the Skald	
Reformed Church of Port Ewen, 160 Salem St., Port Ewen	Wed. 7-9	\$0	Aesa Sturlodottir; MoF@coilltuar.eastkingdom.com	
YMCA Middletown, 6 Liberty St., Middletown	Tue 7:30-10	\$0	Aesa Sturlodottir; MoF@coilltuar.eastkingdom.com	
NEW JERSEY				
Hawthorne United Methodist Church - 460 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ, 07506	Thurs 8-11	\$2 Dona tion	Tanaka Raiko, hsalvacion@gmail.com , 845-545-5274 https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCARWFIGHT/	Loaner gear available. Unified Fencing/Armored Combat Practice on different floors.
Glen Gardner Youth Center, 16 Hampton Road, Glen Gardner	Tues. 7:30- 9:30	\$5	Orlando Sforza; rapierton@comcast.net	
PENNSYLVANIA				
Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, Pa 18966	2nd & 3rd Tues 7:30-9:30	\$2	Morwill MacShane fencing@bucklandcross.eastkingdom.org	
Mayfair Presbyterian Church, 3323 Tudor Street, Philadelphia	Wed. 7:30-10	\$2	Melchior Kriebel	
First United Church, 145 Chestnut St., Spring City	Mon, 7:30- 9:30	\$5	Shire of Hartshorn-dale fencing@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org James O'Gallghure (2019)	Youth marshal in regular attendance.
1 st Church of Brethern Child, 2710 Kingston Road, East York	Wed. 6-8:30	\$2-3	Dorian; jshontz@comcast.net	Suggested donation of \$2-3, but not required to attend.

