



# PLAN YOUR VISIT

# Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

## FULL DAY

Start your adventure here:

Whether you are interested in learning more about the Valley's history, want to take a quiet walk along the Blackstone Canal, or love paddling your way downstream, there are many ways to enjoy your visit to the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park.

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Slater Mill Garden

### SLATER MILL

67 Roosevelt Ave, Pawtucket, RI

Slater Mill is America's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill. A series of outside signs describe the growth of industry at Pawtucket Falls. Then tour the Slater Mill Historic Site (fee charged) to see the evolution from hand-crafted textiles, to those made by water-powered machines. Slater Mill is open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Tuesdays through Sundays, May through October. It is also open Mondays, 4th of July through Labor Day.

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Kelly House Museum

### BLACKSTONE RIVER STATE PARK

1075 Lower River Road, Lincoln, RI

Visit the Kelly House Museum, open for free from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM April through October. Then take a walk, run, or bike ride along the Blackstone River Bikeway which runs through the park. The park also has boat launches for paddlers, fishing spots, and space to just sit under a tree and have a picnic. And if you have a bit more time, walk across the Bikeway bridge and stroll through the historic Ashton Mill Village on the other side of the Blackstone River.

## SELF-GUIDED MILL VILLAGE TOURS:

To really get a feel for the Blackstone River Valley explore one of our mill villages. Check out one or more of our self guided tours to see how the industrial revolution transformed the Valley's landscape from farms and forests to manufacturing centers.

[Go.nps.gov/BLRV/WalkingTours](https://www.nps.gov/BLRV/WalkingTours)



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Mills along the river in Slatersville

### SLATERSVILLE

20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Discover America's first planned mill village, the blueprint for the other villages in the Blackstone Valley. The village John Slater created in 1807 was transformed by new owner Henry Kendall in 1915, and once again in 2007 when the mill was turned into apartments.

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Mill in Whitinsville

### WHITINSVILLE

1 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA

Whitinsville has several eras of mill housing, each built to support an expansion of the massive Whitin Machine Works. When you are done viewing the village, head over to Church Street to check out some of Whitinsville's shops and restaurants.

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Hopedale Mill

### HOPEDALE

Hopedale & Peace St. Hopedale, MA

Hopedale began as a commune, and became home of Draper Corporation America's largest loom manufacturer. View some of the finest worker housing in the Blackstone Valley, then walk through the Parklands - the recreation area built by the Drapers for their workers around the Hopedale Mill Pond.



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Streetview of Pawtucket

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Kelly Mill and the Blackstone Canal

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Workers in Weave Room in Slatersville

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Whitin Machine Shop in Whitinsville

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Field Activities in Hopedale