



# PLAN YOUR VISIT

# Blackstone River Valley

# National Historical Park

## ONE HOUR

Start your adventure at:

### BLACKSTONE RIVER STATE PARK & ASHTON VILLAGE

1075 Lower River Road, Lincoln, RI

If you only have an hour to visit, head over to Blackstone River State Park. Here you can visit the Captain Wilbur Kelly House Transportation Museum, open for free from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM April through October. The Museum shows how transportation evolved in the Valley to support the growing mills.

Then take advantage of the newest transportation system in the Valley by taking 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 or ride across the Bikeway bridge and take a quick stroll through the historic Ashton Mill Village on the other side of the Blackstone River.



Ashton Village Housing



Blackstone River State Park Bikeway

## HALF DAY

Continue your adventure at:



Slater Mill Garden



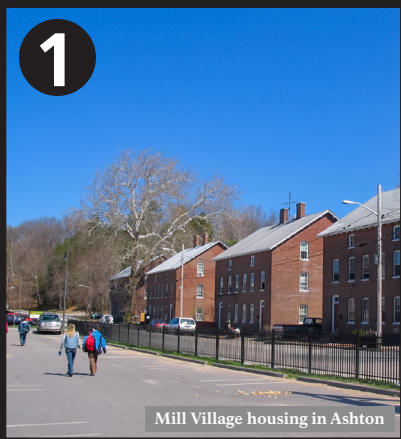
Blackstone Valley Visitor Center

### SLATER MILL & BLACKSTONE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

67 Roosevelt Ave, Pawtucket, RI

If you have a half day to visit, you will also want to visit Slater Mill Historic Site - America's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill. Here a series of outside signs tell you the evolution of industry along the Pawtucket Falls. Then take a tour of the Slater Mill (fee charged) to see the evolution evolution from hand-crafted textiles, to those made by water-powered machines. The tour includes three buildings - Slater

Mill, the Sylvanus Brown House, and the Wilkinson Mill which features a working water wheel that still powers the machine shop upstairs. 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. Across Roosevelt Avenue from Slater Mill is the Blackstone Valley Visitor Center, where you can see a short film on the Valley, and pick up other visitor information.



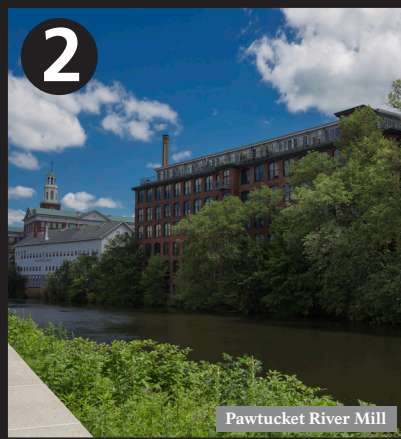
Mill Village housing in Ashton



Riding bikes near the State Park



Kids touring through Slater Mill



Pawtucket River Mill

