Saugus Iron Works

National Historic Site National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site commemorates the first successful integrated iron works in Colonial America, operational 1646-1668. The area was excavated and reconstructed 1948-1954.

IRON WORKS TOURS	Guided Tours are offered through the Iron Works five times daily, April through October; self-guided tours year round. The park is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. Allow at least one and one-half hours to view the orientation film, museum, and to tour the Iron Works. Sturdy shoes are recommended for walking tour. Handicapped restrooms are available.	 Tour times (in season) 1. 9:45 am 2. 11:15 am 3. 12:45 pm 4. 2:15 pm 5. 3:45 pm Walking tours detailing the ironmaking process include the blast furnace, forge, and slitting mill. A working blacksmith shop is also on the site.
IRON WORKS HOUSE	The Iron Works House is the sole- surviving 17th-century structure at Saugus Iron Works. Five rooms are open to the public. The first floor parlor, the second floor parlor chamber, and the study are furnished with a combination of	The other two rooms contain exhibits. The first floor hall is devoted to 17th- century architecture, building hard- ware, and tools. The upstairs bed- room is devoted to Wallace Nutting and his restoration of the house, furniture, and photography, as well as hardware by blacksmiths Edward and

OTHER THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Museum:

Seventeenth-century artifacts excavated by archeologist Roland Wells Robbins, are housed in the museum. A ten-minute slide show is available here and is suggested viewing prior to tour.

Gift Shop:

Located in visitor contact station at the entrance of the park. The sales center offers books, postcards, and reproductions of colonial items related to or in keeping with the Iron Works themes. Proceeds go to enhancing NPS interpretive programs.

authentic and reproduction 17th-

century furnishings.

Nature Trail:

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Walk our scenic one-half mile nature trail consisting of marsh and woodland trails. Follow path from visitor contact station to blacksmith shop and down along east bank of Saugus River.

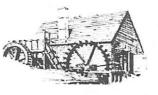
GROUP RESERVATIONS

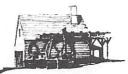
Ranger-led walking tours can be arranged for educational groups by contacting the park at least two weeks in advance. Write Superintendent,

Saugus Iron Works NHS, 244 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906, or call (617) 233-0050.









FOR YOUR SAFETY

In 1650, the Saugus Iron Works was an industrial factory with many inherent dangers. By maintaining the authenticity of the site some of the

dangers remain. Please be careful around the waterwheels and the other historic structures. Slag can cause severe cuts.

YOU CAN HELP

Volunteers provide valuable assistance to the park in several important areas. Among these are staffing the greeting station, handling gift shop sales, giving tours of the iron works house, cataloging and maintaining the park library, working with the park curator, and operating computers. Many opportunities still are available.

Volunteers find a rich sense of accomplishment and fulfillment, while doing things they enjoy. We anticipate a growing need for volunteers in the months ahead, and have a number of projects available. In the event you may be interested in one or more of these activities, call the park at (617) 233-0050.

TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, part of the National Park System, preserves an important chapter in our industrial heritage and belongs to all Americans. Everything within the park including plants, animals, rocks, and

all other natural and historic features is protected by federal law. Please help protect this site so that these resources will remain for future generations to enjoy.

HOW TO REACH THE SITE

Saugus Iron Works NHS is located at 244 Central Street near Saugus Center. It may be reached from either Interstate 95 (Mass. Route 128) or U.S. Route 1.

From Interstate 95 north or south take the Walnut Street exit (exit 43) in Lynnfield. Follow the brown NPS signs for five miles to the Iron Works.

Driving north on Route 1 take the Main Street (Saugus) exit and follow the signs through Saugus Center to the parking lot.

Driving south on Route 1, take the Walnut Street exit east and follow the

