

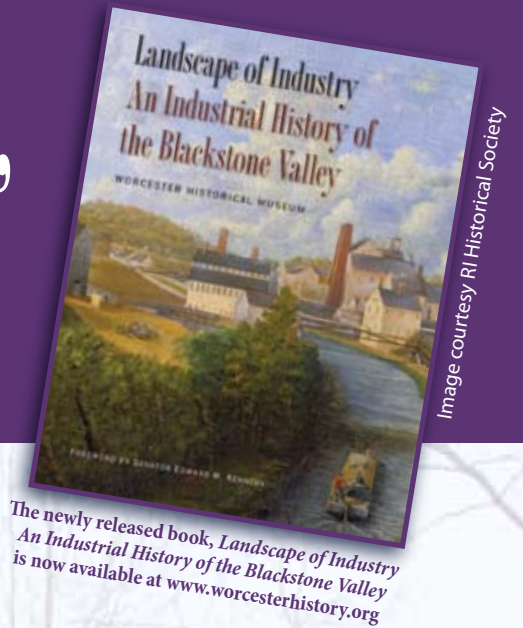
Optional Stops:

- 1 Blackstone River State Park & Bikeway
- 2 Lime Rock Village
- 3 295 Visitor Center

Blackstone Valley DeTours

“Three Centuries in Three Miles”

Great Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island



The newly released book, *Landscape of Industry: An Industrial History of the Blackstone Valley* is now available at www.worcesterhistory.org

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The Great Road was laid out as a colonial highway in 1683, connecting Providence, Rhode Island with Mendon, Massachusetts. For generations, it was the major link for Blackstone Valley towns with the port of Providence. The **Great Road Historic District** in Lincoln gives visitors a good idea of what the road once looked like and contains several historical gems that are open to the public. All attractions are free of charge unless otherwise indicated.

The **Saylesville Friends Meeting House (1703)** is the place to be for worship on Sundays at 10:30 am. It's the oldest continuously used Quaker Meeting House in New England. **Open on the third Saturday morning of the month from 10:00 am – noon. 374 Great Road • 401-724-7249 • www.lincolnri.org/historic**

You may visit by appointment the 300 year old, uniquely authentic **Valentine Whitman Jr. House (1694)**, a classic stone-ender. The Whitman's were some of the first settlers in Northern Rhode Island. This was the site of the first town meeting in Smithfield. **1147 Great Road • 401-334-2182 www.lincolnri.org/historic**

Hearthside (1810) is one of the finest examples of early 19th century Federal style houses in the state. The magnificent stone mansion, with its impressive ogee curved roofline, has 10 fireplaces. Take a tour from docents dressed in period costume and learn why it has become known as "The House That Love Built." **Open on the second Saturday of the month as well as for several special events. 677 Great Road, 401-726-0597 www.hearthsidehouse.org**

The newly restored **Moffett Mill (1812)** is a rare example of a wooden mill built during the first wave of industrialization in the Blackstone Valley and is considered the first machine shop constructed in Rhode Island. At one time the Mill made parts for wagons, carriages, shoe and corset laces. Open in conjunction with **Hearthside** and for special events. **Great Road • www.lincolnri.org/historic**

At the Gateway Park, take in the **Eleazer Arnold House (1693)**, a finely restored example of the uniquely Rhode Island stone-ender. **Open the third Saturday of the month, June–October, 11:00 am–4:00 pm 487 Great Road • 401-728-9696 • www.historicnewengland.org**

If the sites you wish to tour aren't open on the day you're there, opt for a leisurely drive to view these wonderful buildings from the outside or hike and bike the new Blackstone River Bikeway which runs by the Kelly House. Either pack a picnic to enjoy on the Blackstone River or in Lincoln Woods State Park or dine at the **Lodge Pub & Eatery** **Hours: Sunday, Noon–10:00 pm Monday–Wednesday, 11:00am–11:00 pm • Thursday–Saturday, 11:00 am–Midnight (Note: Kitchen closes one hour prior to closing.) 40 Breakneck Hill Road • 401-725-8510**

Everyday is Great Road Day at the **Captain Wilbur Kelly House (1835)** where all transportation stories come together.

Open daily from mid-April through October 30, 9:00 am–4:00 pm Blackstone River State Park • 401-333-0295 • www.riparks.com

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arnold opened the original **Arnold Bakery** in 1874. The one story, one room bakery now rests at **North Gate (1807)**. Originally built as a tollgate residence, the building is now currently home to the **Blackstone Valley Historical Society**. **1873 Old Louisquissett Pike • 401-333-0295 • www.bvhs.org**

For turn-of-the-century blacksmithing demonstrations, stop in at the **Hannaway Blacksmith Shop (1880)**. The public is invited to watch classes every **Saturday morning from 8:00 am to noon. On Sunday mornings from 8 to 10:00 am, a wheelwright demonstrates his trade of repairing wheels alongside the blacksmith.**

The **Chase Farmhouse (1890)** is the gateway to over 80 acres of picturesque hills and meadows of **Chase Farm Park** which depict the rural and open character of the Great Road Historic District. Chase Farm was originally a dairy farm that operated from 1867-1965 and was Lincoln's last operating dairy farm. Chase Farm Park is now enjoyed for recreational purposes including concerts, fishing, kite flying, walking and sledding. The Butterfly Garden overlooks the original farm. **Open year round, closes at sundown • 669 Great Road • 401-726-0597 www.hearthsidehouse.org**

Lincoln Woods State Park (1908) Named after President Abraham Lincoln, this 458 acre park is a great place to enjoy swimming, hiking, paddling, biking and horseback riding. **2 Manchester Print Works Road 401-723-7892 • www.riparks.com/lincoln.htm**



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