

Blackstone Valley DeTours



Blackstone River Valley Evening Venues Steeped in History

As the sun sets and the moon climbs high in the sky, evenings in the Blackstone River Valley spring to life! Come enjoy everything from theatre to dance, jazz and folk music, poetry readings and art exhibits. You name it, we have it and it all takes place in these beautiful, historic buildings from Worcester, Massachusetts to Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Mechanics Hall, an acoustical masterpiece with 19th century elegance, is internationally regarded as one of the world's great concert halls for its superb acoustics and inspirational beauty. It is regarded regionally as one of Worcester's finest venues for performances. Owned and operated by the Worcester County Mechanics Association (est. 1842), it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. **321 Main Street • Worcester, MA 01608 • Info: 508-752-5608 • Tickets: 508-752-0888** www.mechanicshall.org

The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts (1904) The original structure, known as Franklin Square Theatre, was renovated multiple times, with its final restoration starting in 2002. In its first three years the theatre has staged over 300 performances, and has been attended by more than half a million patrons. The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts seeks to bring world-class theatre, music and entertainment events to central Massachusetts and in doing so provides a vital resource for central Massachusetts' performing arts, cultural and civic organizations and colleges. **2 Southbridge Street • Worcester, MA 01608 • 877-571-7469 • www.thehanovertheatre.org**

Alternatives (Whitin Mill 1826) features theatrical performances and concerts in the **GB & Lexi Singh Performance Center** and, in the good weather, outside on its Community Plaza. A farmer's market takes place on the Plaza during the summer months. The complex is also home to the **Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery** which features revolving exhibitions of art and history. **60 Douglas Road • Whitinsville, MA 01588 • 508-234-6232 • www.alternativesnet.org**

River Bend Farm (established prior to the Revolutionary War) features outdoor concerts on the Historic Blackstone Canal which are offered on many Sunday afternoons during the summer. It is located in the **Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park**, part of MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation properties. **287 Oak Street • Uxbridge, MA 01569 • 508-278-6486 • www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/blst.htm**

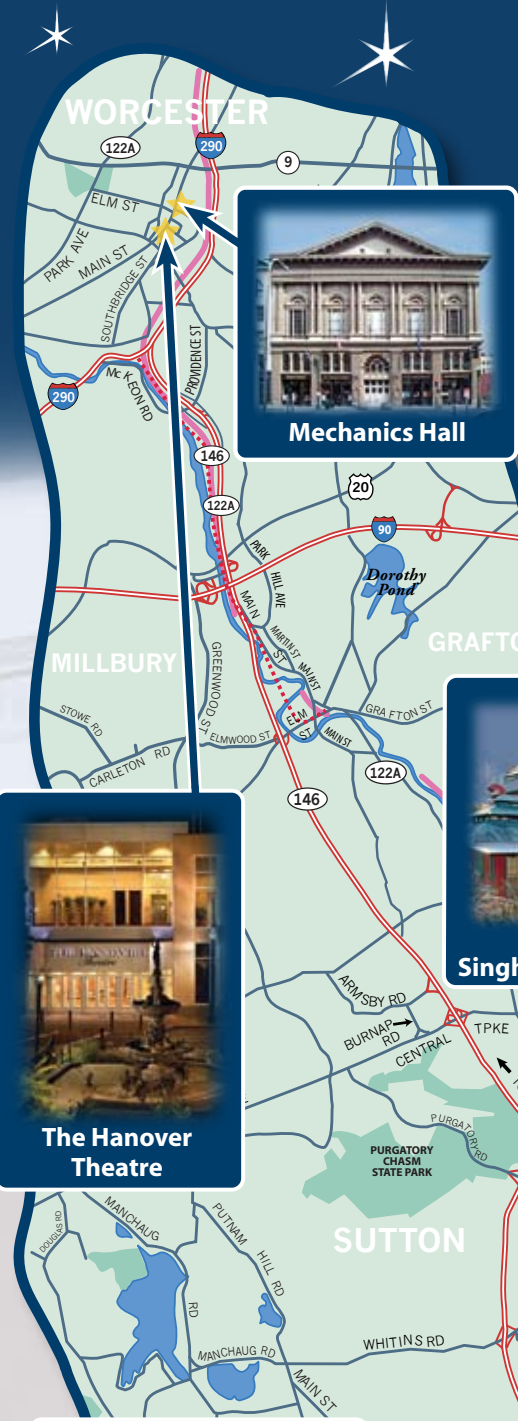
St. Ann Arts & Cultural Center (1913-17), "America's Sistine Chapel", was originally known as St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. In the modern French Renaissance style, the interior walls, vaults and ceilings were covered in fresco paintings by Guido Nincheri, in the style made famous by Michelangelo and Raphael. Tours on Sundays 1-4:00 pm. For special event programming go to www.stannartsctr.org • **84 Cumberland Street • Woonsocket, RI 02895 • 401-356-0713**

Chans...Home of Eggrolls and Jazz (1905), is open 7 days starting at 11:30am. Chan's is the oldest Chinese Restaurant in RI and one of the most popular. USA Today cited Chan's Top 10 great places to taste and toast the Chinese New Year. Winner of 2011 Blues Foundation's "Keeping the Blues Alive" Award for best blues clubs in the country. **267 Main Street • Woonsocket RI 02895 • 401-765-1900 • www.chanseggrollsandjazz.com**

Blackstone River Theatre (1928), formally Unity Masonic Lodge; open year round; weekend concerts; weekday/night classes. A nonprofit cultural and community center where the music, dance and folk art traditions of the Blackstone River Valley come to life. **549 Broad Street • 401-725-9272 • www.riverfolk.org**

Pawtucket Armory (1894 to 1895) is a 48,000-square-foot Romanesque revival brick castle built with ordinary brick and common stone with green copper crenellated turrets. It was designed by William Walker & Sons and is on the National Register of Historic Places. After WWII, the 4,500 square-foot brick annex housed military vehicles for the Rhode Island National Guard units headquartered in the adjoining Pawtucket Armory. Renovated in 2003 and used as a center for the arts, **The Gamm Theatre** has found its home in this historic building. **172 Exchange Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 • 401-723-4266 • www.gammtheatre.org**

Hope Artiste Village, formerly the Hope Webbing Mill, occupies a double city block. Typical brick mill construction consists of a long 2- and 3- story symmetrical facade, with two 4- story towers. In back of the Main Street building are four one story brick factory sheds with raised clerestory roofs. The west end of the site is spanned by a long 6-story brick mill block. Most of the structures were built between 1889 and 1913. In 2005 it slowly began converting into shops and artist workplaces. The village, with brick interior walls, has the feel of a less-busy Chelsea Market. Hope Artiste boasts a restaurant, bakery, coffee shop and lots of history, too. **Mixed Magic Theatre** is located towards the back of the mill. **999 Main Street • Pawtucket, RI 02860 • 401-305-7333 • www.mixedmagicri.com**



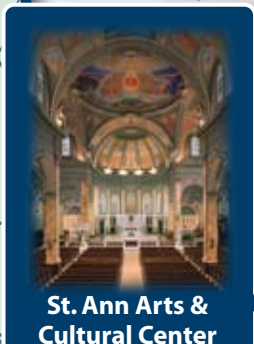
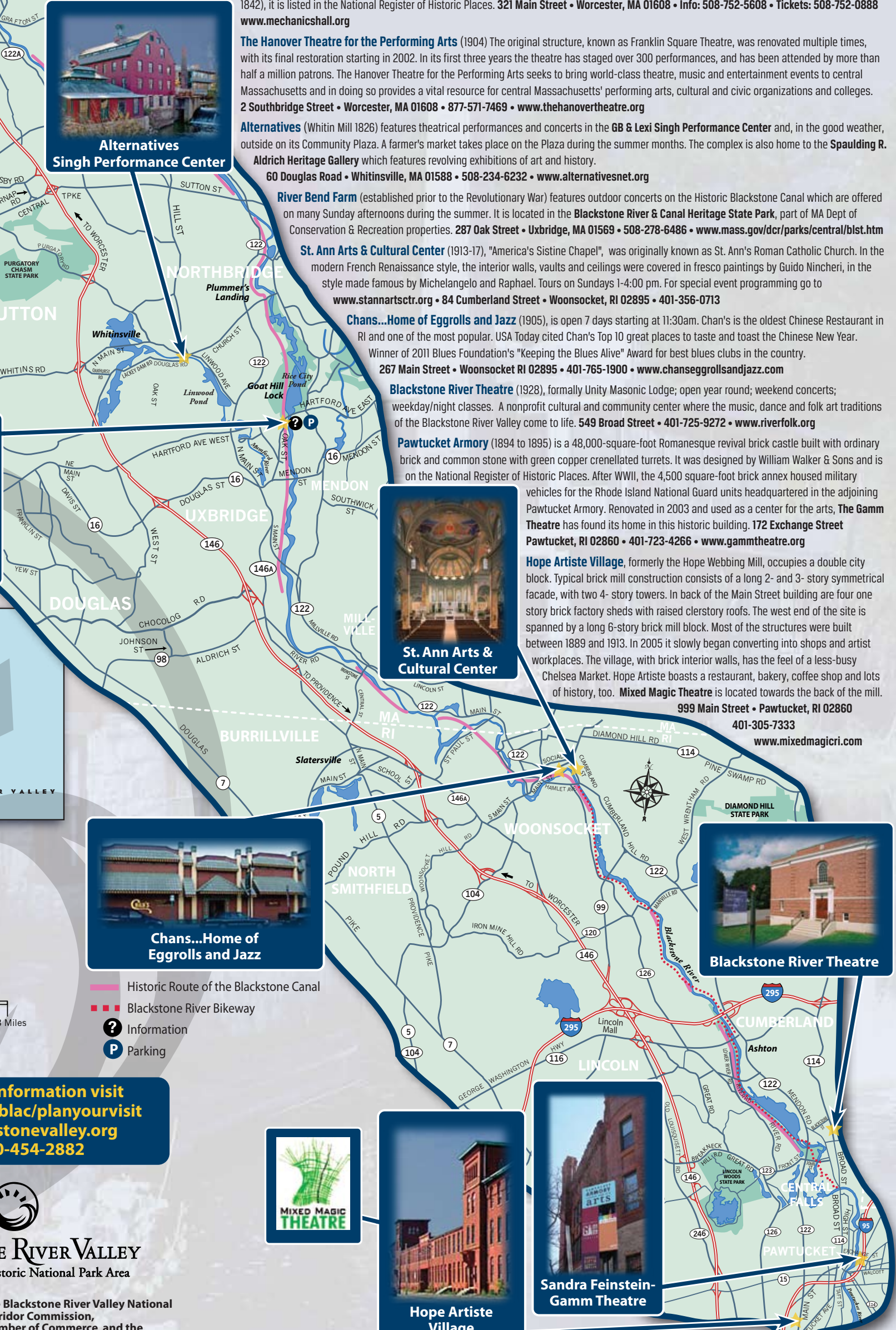
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