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Lowell National Historical Park



LOWELL OFFERING

YOUR GUIDE TO **SUMMER & FALL 2013**



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304 Dutton St.
Lowell, Massachusetts

Visitor Center
246 Market St.



plan your day
Visitor Center
 Get oriented, pick up maps, find activities, make tour reservations, view exhibits, and shop in the Museum Store. Don't miss our 20-minute introductory film, *Lowell: The Industrial Revelation*. Visitor parking at 304 Dutton St. **RECOMMENDED TIME: 30-45 MINUTES**

get to work
Boott Cotton Mills Museum
 Experience the roar of a 1920s weave room featuring operating power looms. See cloth being made and explore interactive exhibits, a kids' Discovery Trail, and video programs about mill work. **RECOMMENDED TIME: 60-75 MINUTES. FEES APPLY.**

head home
Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit
 What was life like outside the textile factories? Visit an 1830s Boott Mills boardinghouse to discover the personal stories of Lowell's 19th and 20th-century working people. **RECOMMENDED TIME: 30 MINUTES. FEES APPLY.**

ride the rails
Park Trolleys
 All aboard! Lowell National Historical Park's trolley cars provide free shuttle service between the Visitor Center Trolley Stop and the Boott Cotton Mills Museum Trolley Stop. **PLEASE SEE A PARK RANGER FOR DAILY SCHEDULE.**

explore outdoors
Rivers and Canals
 Get outside! Navigate the Canalway walking trail for a dynamic view of Lowell's extraordinary 19th-century power canal system and the Merrimack River. **SEE PARK RANGER FOR CANALWAY MAP AND DETAILED INFORMATION.**

All park exhibit sites and some guided tours are wheelchair accessible. Please inquire for details and tour reservations.

DAILY SCHEDULE

	MAY 25–JUNE 16	JUNE 17–JUNE 21	JUNE 22–AUG 25	AUG 26–SEPT 2	SEPT 3–OCT 14	OCT 15–NOV 24
VISITOR CENTER	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM
*BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM	9:30AM–5:00PM	9:30AM–5:00PM	9:30AM–5:00PM	9:30AM–5:00PM	9:30AM–5:00PM	9:30AM–5:00PM
MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT	1:30PM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM	11:00AM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM
*CANAL BOAT TOURS	Saturday, Sunday & Memorial Day 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM <i>Working the Water</i>	Daily 11AM, 2PM, 3PM <i>Working the Water</i> 12PM <i>Engineering Innovation</i>	Daily 11AM <i>Working the Water</i> 12PM <i>Engineering Innovation</i> 2PM & 3PM <i>Transforming Landscapes</i> July 13 & 21, Aug 4 & 17 2PM <i>Full Works</i>	Daily 11AM <i>Working the Water</i> 12PM <i>Engineering Innovation</i> 2PM & 3PM <i>Transforming Landscapes</i>	Saturday, Sunday & Columbus Day 11AM <i>Working the Water</i> 12PM <i>Engineering Innovation</i> 2PM & 3PM <i>Transforming Landscapes</i>	—
TROLLEY TOURS	Monday–Friday 2:30PM <i>Views of Lowell</i>	Daily 10AM <i>Explore Lowell</i>	Daily 10AM <i>Explore Lowell</i> 2:30PM <i>Controlling Nature</i>	Daily 10AM <i>Explore Lowell</i> 2:30PM <i>Controlling Nature</i>	Monday–Friday 2:30PM <i>Views of Lowell</i>	Saturday, Sunday & Columbus Day 2:30PM <i>Views of Lowell</i>
GUIDED WALK	Daily 12:30PM	Daily 12:30PM	Daily 12:30PM & 3:30PM	Daily 12:30PM & 3:30PM	—	—
RANGER TALKS	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM & 3PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)
MUSEUM MEETUP	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)	Daily 1PM (Boott Mills)

canal boat tours
WORKING THE WATER (90 MINS)
 Ride the Pawtucket Canal to the Merrimack River while discovering Lowell's working past.
ENGINEERING INNOVATION (2 HRS)
 Explore engineering on the Pawtucket Canal, Merrimack River, and Pawtucket Gatehouse.
TRANSFORMING LANDSCAPES (1 HR 45 MINS)
 Travel the length of the Pawtucket Canal, including an exciting ride through Swamp Locks.
FULL WORKS (3 HRS)
 A comprehensive tour of gatehouses, waterways, and other historic structures!

guided trolley tours
CONTROLLING NATURE (90 MINS)
 Ride the rails and take a behind-the-scenes look at water power and working conditions.
EXPLORE LOWELL (40 MINS)
 Begin your exploration on this short trolley ride through Lowell's historic downtown.
VIEWS OF LOWELL (75 MINS)
 Travel by trolley for an in-depth view of Lowell's layered industrial landscape.

guided walk
THE PARK IN THE CITY (30 MINS)
 Discover the evolution of the industrial city on this 30-minute downtown walking tour.

ranger talks
HIDDEN HISTORY (15 MINS)
 Brief in-depth talks at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum and the Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit.

museum meetup
CONVERSATION @BOOTT COTTON MILLS
 Join a ranger for a dynamic dialogue on Lowell's historical connections to today's critical issues.

NEW! Watch for Park Rangers on the Vandenberg Esplanade Wednesday and Thursday evenings this summer!

***FEES**

CANAL BOAT TOURS
 Adults \$8
 Seniors (62+) & Students \$7
 Youth (6-16) \$6
 Children (5 and under) Free
 Add \$2 to fees for Full Works Tour

BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM
 Adults \$6
 Seniors (62+) \$4
 Students & Youth (6-16) \$3
 Children (5 and under) Free
 Discounts apply for America the Beautiful Interagency Pass holders.

COMBINED CANAL TOUR AND BOOTT MUSEUM TICKET
 Adults \$12
 Seniors (62+) & Students \$9
 Youth (6-16) \$7
 Children (5 and under) Free

SUMMER & FALL 2013

EVENTS AT LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

YOUNG EXPLORERS

YOUR CITY SUMMER

Fridays 11AM–12PM, June 21–August 16

Come out and play! Get active with free activities for the whole family on Friday mornings, beginning in the Visitor Center courtyard. We'll explore Lowell in lots of different ways, including Invention Week, Global Art Week, Storytelling Week, Junior Park Ranger Week, and more.

CREATIVE COLLABORATION

LOWELL, IN OUR OWN WORDS

Thursdays 12:30PM–2PM, 7/11–8/22 (no workshop 8/1) at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum

Join a park ranger for a series of creative writing workshops inspired by your own experiences of women's history, the environment, and immigration.

GLOBAL PARTY

LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL

July 26-28, 2013

Enjoy traditional music from around the world at the free, fabulous Lowell Folk Festival! Come for a whole weekend of music, food, crafts, and family fun in the heart of downtown Lowell.

www.lowellfolkfestival.org

MUSIC MAKERS

34TH ANNUAL BANJO & FIDDLE CONTEST

September 7, 2013

Celebrate musical traditions from our neighborhoods and around the world! Hear bluegrass, dixieland, old-time, and global styles in Boardinghouse Park.



Continue your national park experience on **Facebook**. Share photos and stories from your visit, and connect with Lowell National Historical Park at home!





NORTHERN CANAL
FATHER MORISSETTE BLVD

TSONGAS CENTER

THE RIVER TRANSFORMED EXHIBIT

MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT

BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM

MOODY ST FEEDER GATEHOUSE

"THE ACRE" NEIGHBORHOOD

STREETCAR MUSEUM

QUILT MUSEUM

WHISTLER MUSEUM

BRUSH GALLERY

VISITOR CENTER

LOWER LOCKS

HOTEL

TEXTILE MUSEUM

SWAMP LOCKS

HAMILTON CANAL

.25 miles

Canalway Trail

National Park sites

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