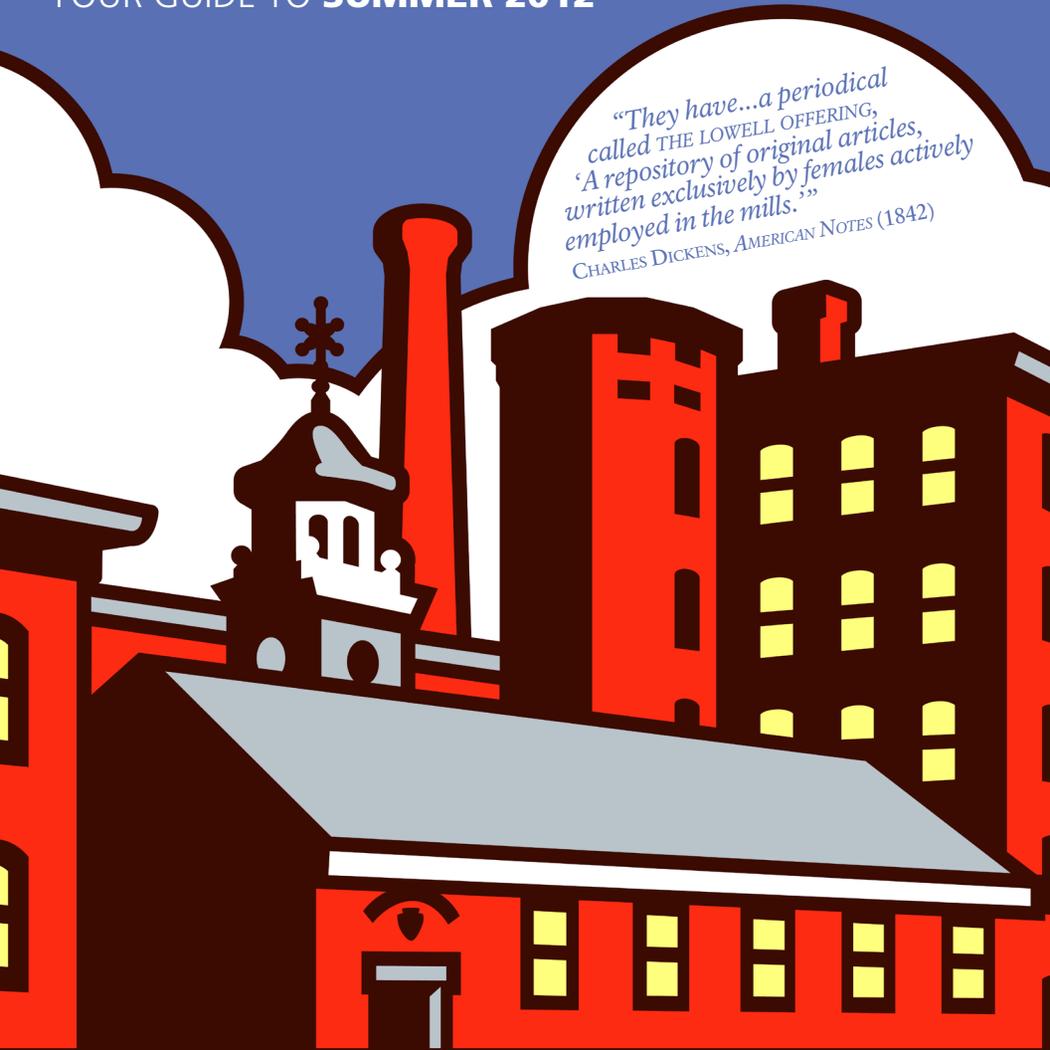




LOWELL OFFERING

YOUR GUIDE TO **SUMMER 2012**

"They have...a periodical called THE LOWELL OFFERING, 'A repository of original articles, written exclusively by females actively employed in the mills.'"
CHARLES DICKENS, AMERICAN NOTES (1842)



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304 Dutton St.
Lowell, Massachusetts

Visitor Center
246 Market St.

SUMMER 2012 AT LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

LOWELL FOLKLIFE SERIES

Explore traditional crafts, music, dance, and food demonstrations. The Folklife Series presents free public events throughout the year. <http://blog.massfolkarts.org>

Presented by Lowell NHP and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

LOWELL SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Celebrate summer with our nonprofit music series, which includes outdoor concerts and free family performances on the stage at Boardinghouse Park.

www.lowellsummermusic.org

Presented by Lowell NHP and the Lowell Festival Foundation.



LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL July 27-29, 2012

Enjoy traditional music from around the world at the largest free folk festival in the nation! Join us for a weekend of music, food, crafts, and family fun in the heart of downtown Lowell.

www.lowellfolkfestival.org

Presented by Lowell NHP, Lowell Festival Foundation, National Council for the Traditional Arts, Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Lowell.



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



NATIONAL PARK PASSPORT

The Passport Stamp program is a great way to commemorate your visits to our national parks. Several stamps are available at Lowell National Historical Park. Ask a park ranger for details and locations.

TROLLEY SERVICE

All aboard! Lowell National Historical Park's historic trolleys 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.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Explore the park, complete the activity book, and become an official Junior Ranger! Pick up a free Junior Ranger Book at the Visitor Center or Boott Cotton Mills Museum.

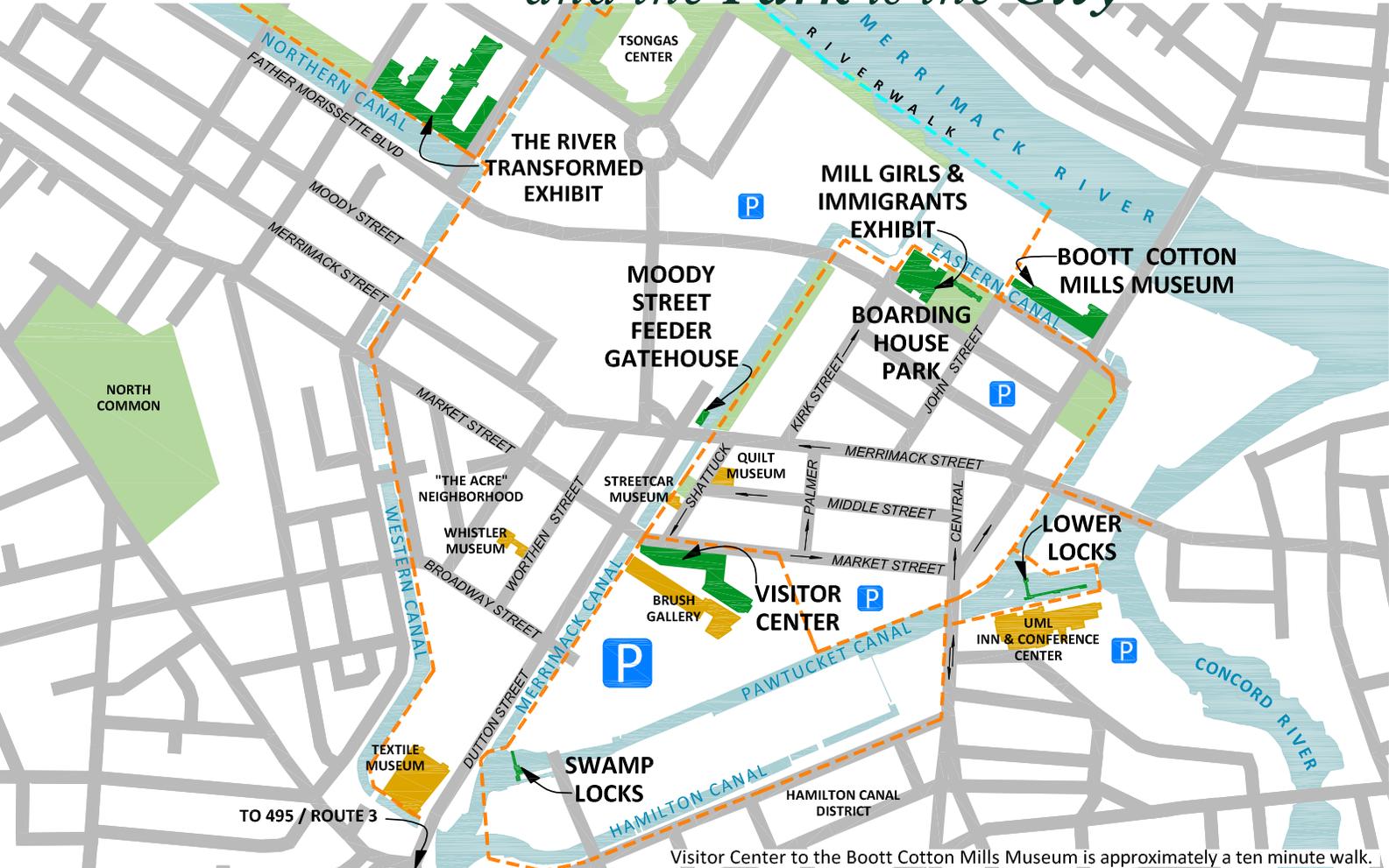


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Pass this guide along to a friend when you're done!

The City is the Park and the Park is the City



Discover the continuing revolution at Lowell National Historical Park. Lowell's water-powered textile mills catapulted the nation—including immigrant families and early female factory workers—into an uncertain new industrial era.

Nearly two hundred years later, the changes that began here still reverberate in our shifting global economy. We invite you to explore Lowell, a living monument to the many human stories of the Industrial Revolution.

special exhibition
Charles Dickens and Massachusetts: A Tale of Power and Transformation
 ON VIEW MARCH 30–OCTOBER 20, 2012 AT THE BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM. OPEN DAILY, 10:00AM–4:00PM.

plan your day
Visitor Center
 Get oriented, pick up maps and 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. Please bring ticket for validation.

RECOMMENDED TIME: 30-45 MINUTES

get to work
Boott Cotton Mills Museum
 Experience the roar of a 1920s weave room with operating power looms. The museum also includes 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 explore the personal stories of Lowell's 19th and 20th-century working people.

RECOMMENDED TIME: 30 MINUTES

power up
River Transformed Exhibit
 Tour 19th-century turbines, learn how engineers harnessed the waterpower to drive Lowell's mills, and consider industry's environmental impact, past and present.

AVAILABLE BY GUIDED TOUR ONLY. SEE SCHEDULE INSIDE.

explore outdoors
Rivers and Canals
 Go outside! Navigate the Canalway walking trail for a dynamic view of Lowell's extraordinary 19th-century power canal system and the Merrimack River.
 The Lower Locks and Moody St. Feeder Gatehouses will be open to the public throughout the summer.

SEE PARK RANGER FOR CANALWAY MAP, GATEHOUSE HOURS, AND DETAILED INFORMATION.



Boott Cotton Mills Museum Weave Room



Canal Boat Tour on the Pawtucket Canal



Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit



Lowell Folk Festival



River Transformed Exhibit



Controlling Nature Trolley Tour



Merrimack Riverwalk

DAILY SCHEDULE

MAY 26–JUNE 16 JUNE 17–JUNE 22 JUNE 23–AUG 26 AUG 27–SEPT 3 SEPT 4–OCT 8

VISITOR CENTER	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:00PM	Daily 9:00AM–5:30PM	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
MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT	1:30PM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM	11:00AM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM	1:30PM–5:00PM
*CANAL BOAT TOURS	Saturday, Sunday & Memorial Day 11AM, 12PM, 2PM & 3PM Working the Water	Daily 11AM Working the Water 12PM Engineering Innovation 2PM & 3PM Working the Water	Daily 11AM Working the Water 12PM Engineering Innovation 2PM & 3PM Transforming Landscapes Thursday & Friday 6PM Evening Cruise July 8 & 21, Aug 5 & 18 2:30PM Full Works	Daily 11AM Working the Water 12PM Engineering Innovation 2PM & 3PM Transforming Landscapes	Saturday, Sunday & Columbus Day 11AM Working the Water 12PM Engineering Innovation 2PM & 3PM Transforming Landscapes
TROLLEY TOURS	Monday–Friday 2:30PM Views of Lowell	Daily 10AM Views of Lowell	Daily 10AM Views of Lowell 2:30PM Controlling Nature	Daily 10AM Views of Lowell	Monday–Friday 2:30PM Views of Lowell
GUIDED WALKS	Daily 12:30PM Dickens's Lowell	Daily 12:30PM Dickens's Lowell	Daily 12:30PM Dickens's Lowell	Daily 12:30PM Dickens's Lowell	—
RANGER TALKS	Daily 11AM, 1PM & 3:30PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM, 1PM & 3:30PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM, 1PM & 3:30PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM, 1PM & 3:30PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)	Daily 11AM, 1PM & 3:30PM (Boott Mills) 2PM & 4PM (Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit)

TOUR DETAILS

Itineraries subject to change

canal boat tours

WORKING THE WATER (90 MINS)

Waterways: Upper Pawtucket Canal, Merrimack River
Locks: Guard Locks

ENGINEERING INNOVATION (2 HRS)

Waterways: Upper Pawtucket Canal, Merrimack River
Locks: Guard Locks
Sites: Pawtucket Gatehouse

TRANSFORMING LANDSCAPES (1 HR 45 MINS)

Waterways: Upper and Lower Pawtucket Canal
Locks: Swamp Locks
Sites: Lower Locks, Francis Gatehouse

EVENING CRUISE (2 HRS)

Waterways: Upper Pawtucket Canal, Merrimack River
Locks: Guard Locks

FULL WORKS (3 HRS)

Call for details. The Full Works tour is a comprehensive tour of gatehouses, waterways, and other historic structures.



guided trolley tours

CONTROLLING NATURE (90 MINS)

Sites: River Transformed Exhibit at the Suffolk Mill

VIEWS OF LOWELL (40 MINS)

Sites: To Boott Cotton Mills Museum via downtown Lowell

guided walks

DICKENS'S LOWELL (30 MINS)

Sites: To Charles Dickens and Massachusetts exhibit via downtown Lowell

ranger talks

HIDDEN HISTORY (15 MINS)

Brief ranger talks at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum and the Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit



All park exhibit sites, and some guided tours, are wheelchair accessible. Unfortunately, our canal boats are currently unable to accommodate wheelchairs. Please inquire for details and tour reservations.

SPINDLE CITY STARS

Catch a glimpse of life in Lowell, from the 1800s to today! Join members of the Lowell National Historical Park youth theater group as they weave together stories past and present through creative performance.

Presentations Thursday–Sunday in July and August:

Outside Visitor Center at 10:30AM, 11:30AM & 1:30PM
Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit from 11AM–2:45PM



Members of the Spindle City Stars

All photos by Jim Higgins except Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit, by Jonathan Parker.

*FEES

CANAL TOURS

Adults \$8
Seniors (62+) \$7
Students & 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.

PARK PACKAGE (Combined Canal Tour and Boott Cotton Mills Museum ticket)

Adults \$12
Seniors (62+) \$9
Students & Youth (6-16) \$7
Children (5 and under) Free