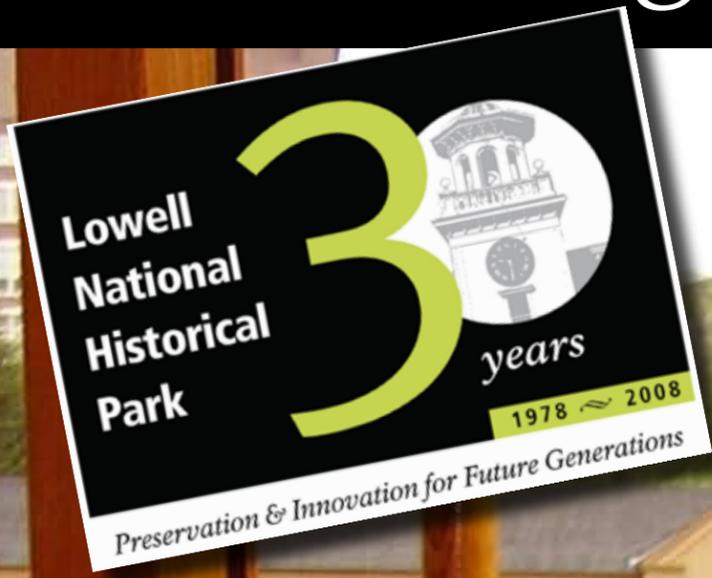


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WELCOME TO LOWELL!

It's exciting to welcome you to Lowell National Historical Park as we're celebrating the Park's 30th anniversary in 2008. The past thirty years have seen tremendous transformations in the Park and the City, and we're glad you are here to join in everything that Lowell has to offer today.

Lowell National Historical Park, when it was established in 1978, as today, benefits from partnerships and forward-thinking neighbors that have kept new ideas percolating and rolling along with positive outcomes. During this anniversary year, we are engaging in a lively conversation with the community and those who care about the National Park's future. We invite you to explore the future with us online at www.nps.gov/lowe.

There are numerous options for filling your agenda with cultural events, historical tours, recreational experiences, great places to dine and much more. This *Lowell Offering* provides the starting point for learning what's available. You will find many opportunities to explore Lowell—whether it is locking through the canals out to the Merrimack River, or walking the Canalway and Riverwalk, or onboard our replica historic trolleys', it should be a great experience. Don't forget that the park is a proud partner of the Lowell Folk Festival; the 22nd annual edition is slated for the last full weekend in July. And throughout the summer season, the Lowell Summer Music Series brings renowned musical performances and kids shows to Boarding House Park. Check the "Celebrating 30 Years" page of this Offering for several program highlights!

Michael Creasey
Superintendent



Lowell NHP Superintendent Michael S. Creasey

LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK,

one of 391 units of the National Park Service, preserves and interprets the history of the American Industrial Revolution as experienced in Lowell, Massachusetts. The park includes historic cotton textile mills, 5.6 miles of power canals, operating gatehouses, and worker housing. Turn-of-the-century trolleys operate March through November.

ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair accessible buildings within the park include the Visitor Center, Mogan Cultural Center, Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse, Wannalancit Mill first floor, and Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Curb-side drop off and ramp available at the Visitor Center (Market Street at Shattuck). Printed narrations of audiovisual programs are available upon request.

Park programs, including boat tours, are partially accessible to visitors with mobility impairments. Lowell National Historical Park's boats and trolleys are accessible to wheelchair users (one secure chair space per vehicle). When making reservations for programs including a boat or trolley component, please inform us if your party will include a wheelchair user so that we may reserve this space for you.

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

All tours begin at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather — tours take place rain or shine. *All canal tour reservations must be ticketed and paid for no later than thirty minutes before the start of the tour; at that time, unclaimed reservations will be released and sold to waiting visitors.*

For more information on park programs and reservations, contact Lowell National Historical Park, 67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852, or call 978-970-5000 (978-970-5002 TDD / Hearing impaired only please). Groups: Please call for advance reservations.

DIRECTIONS

To drive to Lowell National Historical Park, take the Lowell Connector from either Route 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30A Southbound, Exit 30B Northbound) to Thorndike Street (Exit 5B). Follow the National Park Visitor Center signs. Free parking is available in the Visitor Parking Lot next to Market Mills. Commuter rail service is available from Boston's North Station to Lowell's Gallagher Terminal. Downtown Shuttle available.



Photo: Kevin Harkins

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Have you ever wanted to work on a trolley? Are you fascinated by the music at the Lowell Folk Festival® and the Lowell Summer Music Series and would like to help? Do you want to improve the community by working with us to clean up the canal system? Do you like the idea of working at one of the interesting old canal gatehouses? Then consider becoming a volunteer at Lowell National Historical Park. Volunteers do great things for the park and the community. Explore the many possibilities and learn what it is like to join the park and

one of its many partners. Call the Volunteer Office at 978-275-1740, send an e-mail to Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov, or check out our website at <http://www.nps.gov/lowe>.



It is a milestone... thirty years since the establishment of Lowell National Historical Park.

As the park was established in 1978 to preserve Lowell's unique stories and industrial landscape, visiting Lowell offers numerous unexpected opportunities.



Lowell Folk Festival®



Costumed Interpretation at Francis Gate



Civil War Era Costumed Interpreters



Interpretive Program at "River Transformed" Exhibit



Canal Boat Tour on the Merrimack River



Park visitors enjoying a Trolley Ride

In recognition of this benchmark year, the Park has sought not only to celebrate accomplishments, but also, with the community and others interested in the park's future, to look forward to what the next BIG idea will be. We look forward to that engaging conversation continuing into the coming months and years.

During your visit, join us in discovering the multifaceted stories of Lowell's past, present, and future through tours, programs, demonstrations, performances, and more. We'd like to highlight several special offerings to honor those 30 years.

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CANAL BOAT TOURS

Join us to explore the historic resources of the Pawtucket Canal, Francis Gate & Guard Locks complex, Swamp Locks, Lower Locks, and the Merrimack River via a ranger-led tour using park trolleys and boats.

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Mill and Canal Tour

Explore the role of water in shaping Lowell's history while traveling by canal boat on the Merrimack River, the Pawtucket Canal, and the Northern Canal. This "old favorite" tour also travels through two sets of locks and visits a historic gatehouse and the "River Transformed" Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills.

Concord to the Merrimack Tour

NEW! For the first time since Lowell became a national park, you can explore Lowell's early transportation history while traveling on the entire length of the historic Pawtucket Canal from Lower Locks at the Concord River through Swamp Locks and Guard Locks to the Merrimack River.

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Evening Cruise

On this popular favorite, pack up your own brown bag supper and relax on an evening cruise on the Merrimack River. You will explore the Pawtucket Canal, the mill pond, as well as the upstream section of the river on this cruise.

COSTUMED INTERPRETATION

This year, look for some of your old favorites and many new surprises! Costumed Interpreters may greet you at various sites throughout the park including the Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse, and the Great Francis Gate. Be ready for a memorable experience with costumed guides in the Weave room and on the Trolley. In addition, many special costumed presentations are planned this summer to mark our 30th Anniversary, so just drop in for a visit to enjoy the old and the new park offerings.

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Join a ranger on a special boat tour and observe the process of water quality testing. In conjunction with the Merrimack River Watershed Council, the park is participating in the Merrimack River Water Quality Monitoring, Analyzing, Protecting, and Promoting (MAPP) Project.

Exhibits



Lowell NHP Visitor Center



Weave Room Exhibit, Boott Cotton Mills Museum



Dining Room, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit



Youth gathered in front of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Lowell, 1944



"The River Transformed" Exhibit

VISITOR CENTER

Begin your visit at Market Mills, the former Bigelow Carpet Company complex, one of the city's original textile mills. At the Visitor Center, you can plan your exploration of the major park sites and the city's rich industrial past.

Lowell: The Industrial Revelation, an award-winning multimedia presentation, introduces visitors to the story of how people, technology, and capital came together to revolutionize textile production—and a way of life—in Lowell and other American cities. Also shown is *Lowell Blues*, a film by Henry Ferrini about author Jack Kerouac and his native city. *Due to special programs times may vary occasionally. Not closed-captioned.*

Make reservations for park tours and other programs, visit the Children's Corner, sign up for the Junior Ranger Program, and shop in the Museum Store. Learn about Lowell's many cultural institutions and the diverse array of special events that celebrate the city's rich ethnic heritage. General information on area lodging and dining is also available. *See insert for seasonal hours. Free admission.*

BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM

Don't miss the roar of a 1920s weave room with operating power looms! The park's primary exhibit includes the weave room and interactive exhibits and video programs about the Industrial Revolution, labor, and the rise, fall, and rebirth of Lowell. *See insert for seasonal hours. Fees: Adults, \$6.00; Youths, 6-16 & Students \$3.00; Senior Discount; Children 5 and under, free. Call to inquire about special group rates.*

MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT

Explore the history of "mill girls" and immigrants in a Boott Mills boardinghouse. The Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, located in the Mogan Cultural Center, tells the human story of the Industrial Revolution by concentrating on the working people of Lowell. *See insert for seasonal hours. Free admission.*

MOGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center is a program of Lowell National Historical Park in partnership with University of Massachusetts Lowell. The building features a series of temporary community exhibits throughout the year.

Kon Lao, Kon Lowell: A Contemporary History of the Lao Community of Lowell

April 20 - June 5, 2008

This community exhibit traces the heritage of the original immigrants who came from Laos and the following generations who have made Lowell their home. Photographs, documents, and artifacts focusing on family life, immigration, temples, work & businesses, and cultural & recreational activities are used to tell the story of the Lao experience in Lowell.

"The Greeks are now so numerous..." The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Lowell: 100 Years of Community

June 15 - Fall, 2008

The first Greek immigrants, who came to America, and to Lowell, made the observance of their Greek Orthodox religion a priority in their lives. As their numbers grew, they banded together to form the fourth Greek Orthodox group in America following New Orleans, New York, and Chicago. The Holy Trinity Church, the first Byzantine-style structure built to house Greek Orthodox worship in the United States, played a central role in the development of the Greek community in New England. The church structure, unchanged over the years, remains a symbol of the devotion and labors of Lowell's early Greek immigrants. The community of Holy Trinity stands as a symbol of one of the most active and thriving communities of its kind in the nation. The exhibit showcases numerous artifacts in addition to many images illuminating the history of the church and its community. *Mogan Cultural Center, 40 French Street. Free admission.*

"THE RIVER TRANSFORMED" EXHIBIT at the Wannalancit Mills

In this historic mill with its original 19th-century turbines, learn how industrialists and engineers viewed and harnessed the power of the Merrimack River for Lowell's textile mills. Explore the history of the watershed, the human uses of the river system, and the impacts of industrialization on the river. *Site is open seasonally and by tour. See insert for seasonal hours. Free admission.*

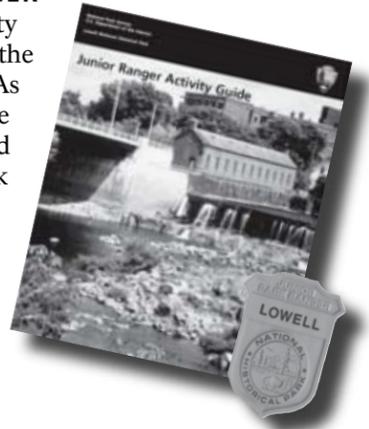
MOODY STREET FEEDER GATEHOUSE – INFORMATION CENTER

Join a volunteer at the historic 1848 Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse for a glimpse of the historic gates and their unique function in the waterpower canal system of Lowell. Staffed seasonally by "Adopt-A-Gatehouse" park volunteers. *See insert for seasonal hours. Free admission.*

Children's Activities

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Pick up a Junior Ranger Activity Guide at the Visitor Center or the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. As you explore the park, complete the activities in the booklet and turn it in to a ranger at the desk to become a Junior Ranger—badge, certificate, and all! Answers to the activities can be found throughout the park. *Free.*



BOOTT DISCOVERY TRAIL

Discover the story of Lowell's mills, their machinery, and their workers through the Boott Discovery Trail during your visit to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Children of all ages can pick up their work aprons and time cards at the museum entrance and through hands-on activities explore how cotton cloth was made from raw cotton to finished cloth. Experience the roar of a 1920s weave room and learn what working in a textile mill was like. *Available during regular museum hours. Free with admission to Boott Cotton Mills Museum.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Visit our Children's Corner in the park's Visitor Center. Participate in hands-on activities to explore Lowell's technology through gears and pulleys, read a book together to learn about immigration, machinery, and much more. *Self-guided during regular Visitor Center hours. Free.*

TROLLEY RIDES

Ride on a replica trolley of the early 1900s from site to site during your visit. The trolley provides transportation to the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, "River Transformed" Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills, and other attractions in Lowell. *The trolley runs daily March through November. Free.*



Lowell NHP Motormen Sharon Krawczyk and Jim Byington operating 1602, one of the park's "Summer Cars," a 1600 Series replica trolley.

THE NATIONAL STREETCAR MUSEUM

A satellite of the Seashore Trolley Museum located in the Mack Building, 25 Shattuck Street. The museum presents the history of trolleys in Lowell and the nation. The second floor features activities for families with children. Also offered are rides on *Desire*, an electric streetcar from the Seashore Trolley Museum's premiere collection of historic trolleys. *Open Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., May - September. See ranger for Fall and Winter hours.*

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD EXHIBIT

Learn the history of the B & M Railroad, successor of the Boston and Lowell, New England's first steam railroad. Featuring B & M steam locomotive #410 and a B & M combine car. Exhibit managed by volunteers of the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society. *At the Visitor Center trolley stop, the exhibit is viewable at any time; additional exhibits in the combine car are open Saturdays, July - August, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. During the Lowell Folk Festival® the exhibit is open Saturday, & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free admission.*

PURPOSE

Eastern National aids and promotes the historical, scientific and educational activities of the National Park Service. It also supports research, interpretation and conservation programs of the Service. As a nonprofit cooperating association recognized by Congress, it makes interpretive material available to park visitors and the general public.

HISTORY

In the spring of 1947, a group of National Park Service interpreters decided to set up a cooperating association, an action authorized by Congress the year before. Eastern National was issued a charter by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1948 and operated its first agencies at Lincoln Birthplace and Colonial National Historical Park in 1949. In the ensuing years the association grew steadily; the number of agencies, the gross sales of educational material, and the net return became larger during each of the next three decades. Today, the association, one of more than 60 in the United States, has its principal office in Fort Washington, PA. A relatively small headquarters staff work in close harmony with Eastern National sectional managers and personnel as well as NPS superintendents and coordinators.

MISSION

Eastern National provides quality educational products and services to visitors to America's national parks and other public trusts.

EASTERN NATIONAL'S VISION

Through the years, the American people have had the foresight to create national parks and other instruments of public trust that set aside and protect places of exceptional value to their cultural heritage and natural landscape. Eastern National believes that the highest value of these special places lies in the unparalleled ability to unlock, for all who might visit or wish to know more of them, the lessons of our past, the accomplishments of our people and the wonder of our natural environment. To this end, Eastern National affirms its commitment to the National Park Service and other caretakers of public trust. Eastern National renews its continuing dedication to helping visitors find the information, materials and experiences they need to fully understand and appreciate the legacy of the places they will visit ... today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

EASTERN NATIONAL'S STRATEGIC GOALS

- Strengthen their relationship with the National Park Service and reinforce its mission.
- Ensure their organizational capacity to efficiently support the sharing community of parks.
- Foster a productive workforce that provides quality services.
- Develop and expand partnerships with public and private partners in promoting their mission.

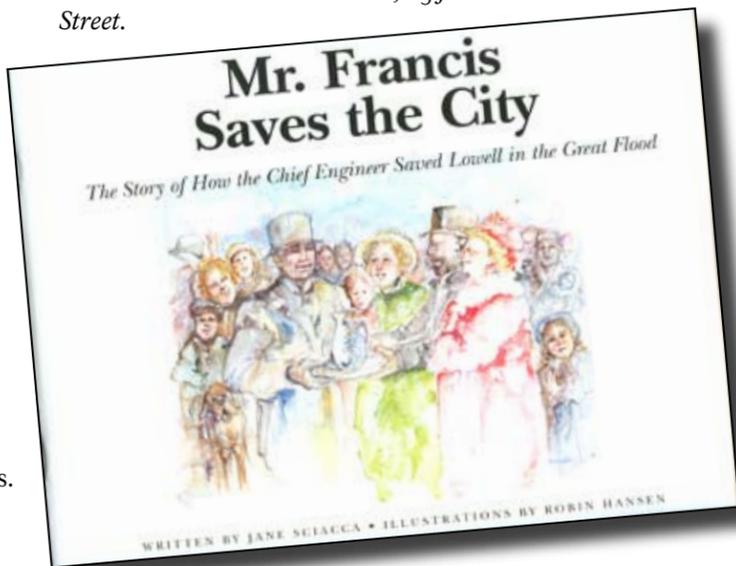
While visiting the park, collect all seven of the stamps available at Lowell NHP. Ask a ranger for details and locations.



Cloth sales at Boott Cotton Mills Museum Store.

RETAIL SALES OUTLETS

Eastern National retail operates sales facilities for their partners. They manage all aspects of operating a sales outlet (e.g. hiring/training employees, purchasing, inventory, sales reporting, etc.). The products sold in their bookstores are a combination of Eastern National-produced items and items purchased from traditional vendors and are all approved by the park to ensure accuracy and appropriateness to the mission. Sales generated from these national park stores allow them to make donations to the National Park Service. So, in addition to providing great visitor services, they also provide direct financial support. Eastern National currently operates over 269 bookstores at more than 125 national parks and other public trusts. *Eastern National retail outlets in Lowell National Historical Park are located at the Visitor Center, 246 Market Street and the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John Street.*



Mr. Francis Saves the City, the most recent collaborative publication with Lowell NHP and Eastern National.

INDEPENDENT PUBLISHER

Eastern National is also an independent publisher, who produces up to one hundred (100) new educational products each year. Their publications are different from the products developed by traditional publishers because they collaborate directly with the parks to produce educational material to fit specific needs within the park (see above.) Eastern National publications are sold within other similarly themed Eastern National bookstores, as well as online to the general public. They also wholesale these products to other national parks with similar themes; schools; libraries; and other stores. In addition to providing site-specific material to visitors, sales generated from Eastern National-produced publications contribute to their donation to the National Park Service. Net proceeds from sales from Eastern National bookstores and *www.eParks.com* are donated to the National Park Service. Since their inception in 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$83 million to the National Park Service.



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Guided Tours & Programs

See following page for tour dates and times.

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“Amelia’s Last Lecture” with historical character Amelia Earhart

Famous American aviator Amelia Earhart declared in 1937, “I have one more flight in me. I think this world flight is it.” That year she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean. Linda Myer presents Earhart’s last public lecture before her world flight.

Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

“Meet Eleanor Roosevelt; Advocate for Universal Human Rights”

In this interactive program Eleanor, as portrayed by Elena Dodd, offers a behind the scenes view of the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

“I Still Live!” with historical character Daniel Webster

Jim Cooke presents Daniel Webster’s last great speech of his career, speaking: “Not as a Massachusetts man, nor as a northern man, but as an American!” supporting the compromise to preserve the Union even though it included the hated Fugitive Slave Act.

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

CANAL BOAT TOURS*

Explore the historic resources of the Pawtucket Canal, Francis Gate & Guard Locks complex, Swamp Locks, Lower Locks, and the Merrimack River via a ranger-led tour using park trolleys and boats. Some walking is required – wear comfortable shoes. Tours take place rain or shine – dress accordingly. Canal tour times and schedules may be modified at any time depending on water levels.

NEW! Locks to Locks Tour

Explore Lowell’s early transportation history while traveling by canal boat on the historic Pawtucket Canal from Lower Locks, through Swamp Locks to Guard Locks. This one-hour, 45 minute-tour visits renowned “Francis Gate.”

Mill and Canal Tour

Explore the role of water in shaping Lowell’s history while traveling by canal boat on the Merrimack River, the Pawtucket Canal, and the Northern Canal. This two-hour & fifteen-minute tour also visits a historic gatehouse and the “River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills to investigate how water was harnessed for power.

NEW! Concord to the Merrimack Tour

Take a two-hour journey by canal boat along the entire length of the historic Pawtucket Canal. Travel from Lower Locks at the Concord River through Swamp Locks and Guard Locks to the Merrimack River.

Pawtucket to the River Tour

This 90-minute tour travels by foot, trolley and boat along the Pawtucket Canal to the Merrimack River. Discover how the demand for waterpower forever changed the river and the city of Lowell.

Evening Cruise

Pack up your own brown bag supper, join a National Park Service captain and park ranger and relax on an evening cruise on the Merrimack River. You will explore the Pawtucket Canal, the mill pond, as well as the upstream section of the river on this cruise. As you dine on the boat, check for wildlife, learn about early uses of the river, and take in the sights and sounds of this remarkable resource. *No alcoholic beverages please. Regular fees apply. 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Thursdays, July 10, July 17, July 31, August 7, August 14, & August 21.*

NEW! The “Full Works” Tour

Explore the role of water in shaping Lowell’s history while traveling by canal boat on the Pawtucket Canal, the Merrimack River, and the Northern Canal. This three-hour tour locks through Swamp Locks and Guard Locks on the Pawtucket Canal, and Hydro Locks on the Northern Canal. The “Full Works” tour also visits Francis Gatehouse, Pawtucket Gatehouse, and the “River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills to investigate how water was harnessed for power.

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Padding on the River

Take your canoe or kayak on a river trip conducted by Merrimack River Watershed Council guides and Lowell National Historical Park rangers. All paddling trips are free. No reservations are required, and trips generally run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information go to www.merrimack.org or call the Merrimack River Watershed Council office at (978) 275-0120. MWRC brochures available.

Saturday, May 31, Saturday, June 7, Saturday, July 26, Saturday, August 2, Sunday, September 7 & Sunday, & October 5.

MAPP the Merrimack

Why and how do we test for water quality? Join a ranger on a special boat tour and observe the process of water quality testing. In conjunction with the Merrimack River Watershed Council, the park is participating in the Merrimack River Water Quality Monitoring, Analyzing, Protecting, and Promoting (MAPP) Project. Come join us!

9:00 - 11:30 AM, Wednesdays, June 25, July 30, August 27, & September 24.

Tour meets at Visitor Center. Regular fees apply and will be collected at end of tour at Visitor Center.

TROLLEY TOURS

Views of Lowell Trolley Tour

Join a park ranger and learn about the downtown locks and canal structures; explore the relationship of the river to the power and production of the industrial city; or learn about the lives of Lowell’s famous “mill girls.” Tour travels primarily by trolley although there may be some walking. *Monday - Friday in the Spring and Fall(60 minutes) and daily in Summer(40 minutes). Free.*

MUSEUM TALKS

Learn more about “mill girls,” cotton cloth production, capital, labor, mill machinery, and more. Upon request, a park ranger will present a 10 - 15 minute program for you or your group at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum or the Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit. *Free with admission to the exhibit.*

HANDS-ON PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN at TSONGAS INDUSTRIAL HISTORY CENTER

Great Explorations Summer Day Camp

Boys and girls, ages 8 - 14, discover the roots of the American Industrial Revolution and explore the connections between science and history through water! Includes hands - on workshops, visits to historic sites, crafts, games, a trolley ride, and a boat trip on the Merrimack River. Each camp runs for one week, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. end of June - August. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. *Fees: \$175.00 per child per week, sibling discount \$155.00. For information and registration call (978)970-5080 or visit www.uml.edu/tsongas/campers/htm.*

For Groups

Weave cloth on a four - harness loom, test waterwheels, work on an assembly line, or become an inventor. Hands - on, 60 - minute workshops for groups, ages 8 and up, are offered Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during July and August. *Fees: 1 - 18 children, \$70; 19 - 30 children, \$105. Reservations are required. For more information on hands-on, interactive programs for school groups, or to join our mailing list call (978)970-5080.*

The Tsongas Industrial History Center is a collaborative project of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Education and the National Park Service at Lowell National Historical Park.

Interpretive Program Schedule

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Lowell National Historical Park



May 24–June 27	June 28–August 23*	August 24–September 1	September 2–October 13
Exhibit Hours			
VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Thursday BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily RIVER TRANSFORMED EXHIBIT 1:00 – 4:30 PM Daily MOODY STREET FEEDER GATEHOUSE 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM Fri., Sat., & Sun.	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily RIVER TRANSFORMED EXHIBIT 1:00 – 4:30 PM Daily MOODY STREET FEEDER GATEHOUSE 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM Fri., Sat., & Sun.	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 AM - 5:00 PM Daily
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<i>Locks to Locks Tour</i> Saturday, Sunday & Memorial Day, 11:00 AM, 12:15, 2:00, & 3:15 PM	<i>Pawtucket to the River Tour</i> Daily: 10:00 AM	<i>Pawtucket to the River Tour</i> Daily: 11:00 AM & 3:15 PM	<i>Pawtucket to the River Tour</i> Saturday, Sunday & Columbus Day, 11:00 AM & 3:15 PM
	<i>Mill and Canal Tour</i> Daily: 11:00 & 11:30 AM, 2:00 & 2:30 PM	<i>Mill and Canal Tour</i> Daily: 12:00 & 1:30 PM	<i>Mill and Canal Tour</i> Saturday, Sunday & Columbus Day, 12:00 & 1:30 PM
	<i>Concord to the Merrimack Tour</i> Daily: 1:00 & 2:45 PM 10:45 AM available for group bookings one week in advance.		
	<i>The “Full Works” Tour</i> Sunday, July 20, 2:30 PM Sunday, August 17, 2:30 PM		
	<i>Evening River Cruise</i> Thursday, July 10, 6:00 PM Thursday, July 17, 6:00 PM Thursday, July 31, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 7, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 14, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 21, 6:00 PM		
<i>MAPP the Merrimack Tour</i> Wednesday, June 25, 9:00 AM	<i>MAPP the Merrimack Tour</i> Wednesday, July 30, 9:00 AM Wednesday, August 27, 9:00 AM		<i>MAPP the Merrimack Tour</i> Wednesday, September 24, 9:00 AM
<i>Paddling on the River</i> Saturday, May 31, 9:00 AM Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM	<i>Paddling on the River</i> Saturday, July 26, 9:00 AM Sunday, August 2, 9:00 AM		<i>Paddling on the River</i> Sunday, September 7, 9:00 AM Sunday, October 5, 9:00 AM
<i>Lowell Lyceum Series</i>	<i>“Amelia’s Last Lecture”</i> With historical character Amelia Earhart Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 - 7:30 PM <i>“Meet Eleanor Roosevelt; Advocate for Universal Human Rights”</i> Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM		<i>“I Still Live!”</i> With historical character Daniel Webster Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Tour Fees

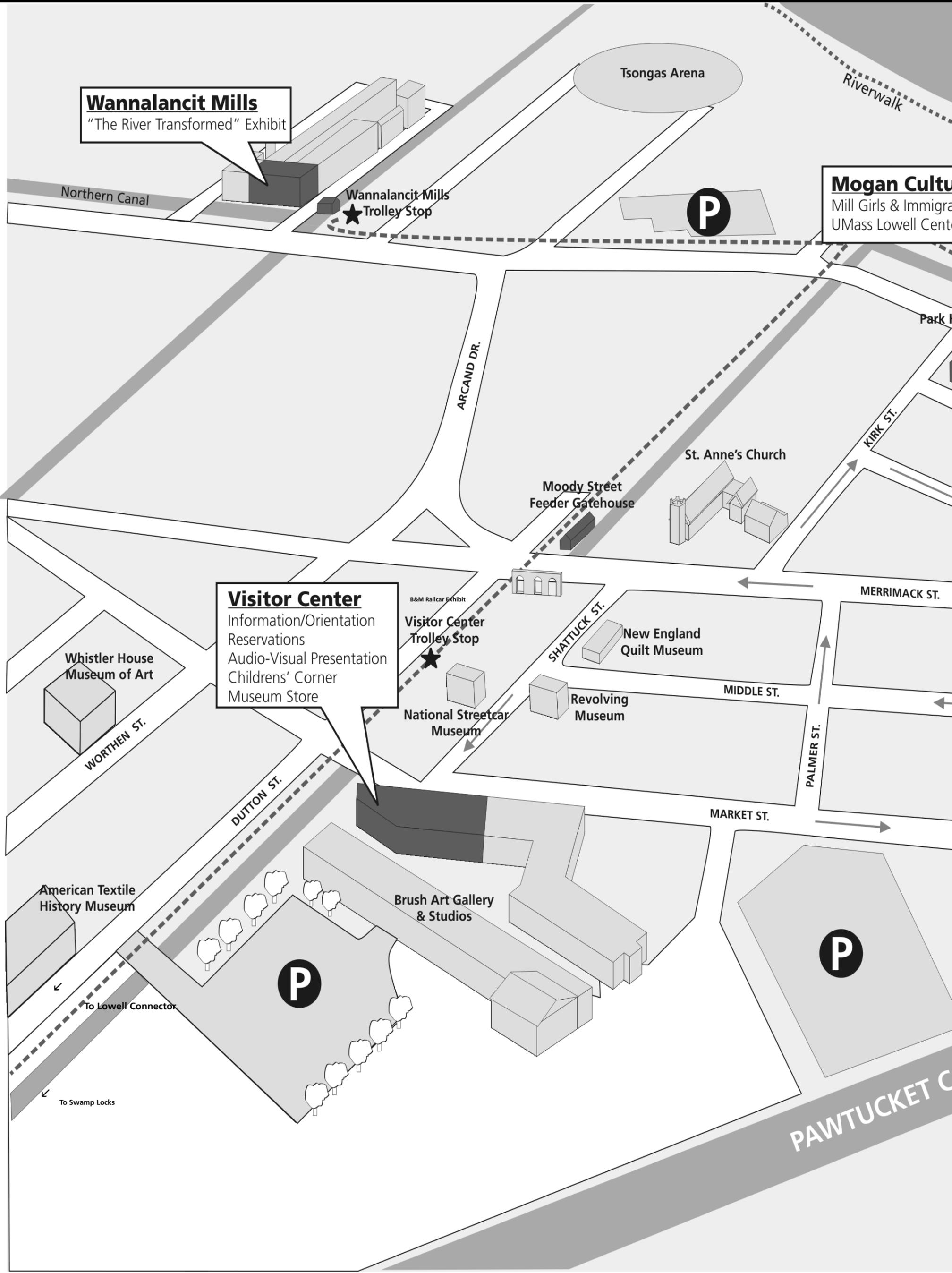
Locks to Locks, Mill and Canal, Concord to the Merrimack, Pawtucket to the River, and Evening Cruise Canal Boat
Tour Fees: Adults: \$8.00; Seniors: \$7.00 (Ages 62+); Youths: \$6.00 (Ages 6 -16); Children: Free (Ages 5 and under).

The “Full Works” Canal Boat Tour Fees: Adults: \$10.00; Seniors: \$9.00 (Ages 62+); Youths: \$8.00 (Ages 6 -16); Children: Free (Ages 5 and under).

Buy a “Park Package” - Combine a canal tour with a visit to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum and receive a discount! Call (978) 970-5000 to inquire about special group rates.

*Program offerings will be reduced during the Lowell Folk Festival®, July 25-27 due to staffing levels.

Lowell National Historical Park Downtown Lowell



Wannalancit Mills
"The River Transformed" Exhibit

Tsongas Arena

Mogan Cultural Center
Mill Girls & Immigration
UMass Lowell Center

Northern Canal

Wannalancit Mills
★ Trolley Stop

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Park

ARCAND DR.

Moody Street
Feeder Gatehouse

St. Anne's Church

KIRK ST.

Visitor Center
Information/Orientation
Reservations
Audio-Visual Presentation
Childrens' Corner
Museum Store

B&M Railcar Exhibit
Visitor Center
★ Trolley Stop

Whistler House
Museum of Art

New England
Quilt Museum

MERRIMACK ST.

National Streetcar
Museum

Revolving
Museum

MIDDLE ST.

PALMER ST.

WORTHEN ST.

DUTTON ST.

MARKET ST.

American Textile
History Museum

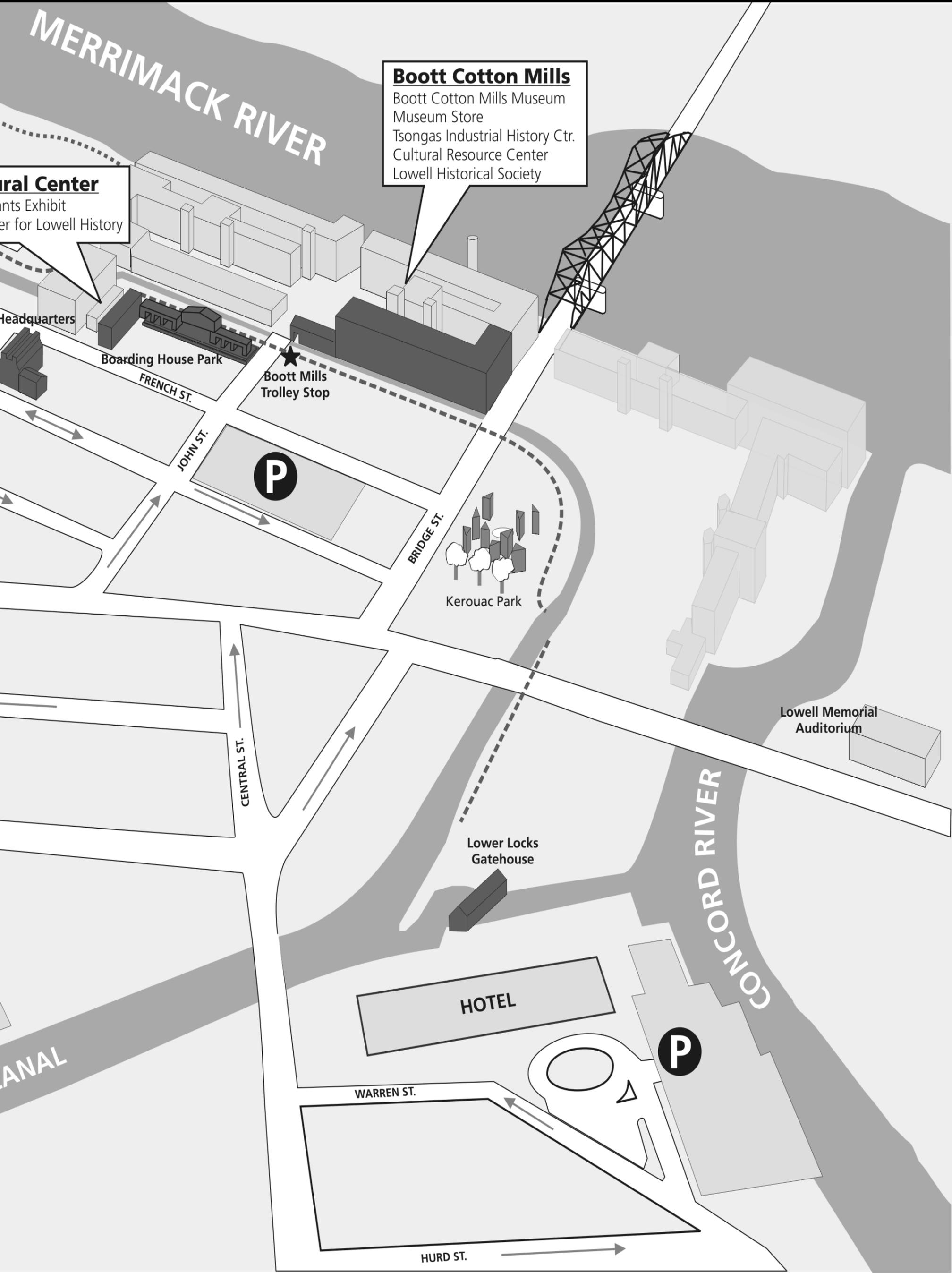
Brush Art Gallery
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Events

RIVERFEST

June 14-15

Locks to Locks Tour

Saturday, June 14 & Sunday, June 15, 11:00 AM, 12:15, 2:00, & 3:15 PM
Explore Lowell's early transportation history while traveling by canal boat on the historic Pawtucket Canal from Lower Locks, through Swamp Locks to Guard Locks. Tour visits renowned "Francis Gate."

Canal Boat Tour Fees: Adults: \$8.00; Seniors: \$7.00 (Ages 62+); Youths: \$6.00 (Ages 6 -16); Children: Free (Ages 5 and under).

For reservations call (978) 970-5000. Tickets can be purchased at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St. Lowell. Reservations are required for all canal boat tours. All canal boat tour reservations must be ticketed and paid for no later than thirty minutes before the start of the tour; at that time, unclaimed reservations will be released and sold to waiting visitors. *For a more complete itinerary of Riverfest events visit www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/riverfest.*

AFRICAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 21, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sampas Pavillion, Pawtucket Boulevard
Join your neighbors for a great day of music, food, and crafts representing all parts of Africa. *For more information go to www.africanfestivallowell.org.*

LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL®

July 25-27

Three days of traditional music, dance, craft demonstrations, street parades, dance parties, and ethnic foods presented by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell Festival Foundation, National Council for the Traditional Arts, Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Lowell. The Lowell Folk Festival®, is held on six outdoor stages throughout downtown Lowell: *Friday, July 25, 7:00-10:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, noon-10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, July 27, noon-7:00 p.m.*

For more information, contact Lowell National Historical Park, 67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852, telephone 978-970-5200(V); 978-970-5002 (TDD) or visit us at www.lowellfolkfestival.org.

LOWELL QUILT FESTIVAL

August 7 - 10

Tsongas Arena in Lowell and the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford
The Lowell Quilt Festival held annually for the benefit of the New England Quilt Museum, features the juried *Images* quilt show, with cash prizes in several categories, an exhibit of antique quilts curated by renowned collector Gerald Roy, an exhibit especially chosen for the festival at the New England Quilt Museum, classes and lectures by nationally acclaimed teachers, auctions of quilts and quilt-related items, quilt appraisals, and vendors of quilting supplies from New England and beyond. In addition, many of the Lowell cultural organizations hold quilt-related events during the festival. These include the American Textile History Museum, the Whistler Museum of Art, the Brush Art Gallery, and many more. *For more information go to www.lowellquiltfestival.org.*

LOWELL SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATER FESTIVAL & FLOATING CANDLE CEREMONY

August 15 & 16

The 12th annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, along the Merrimack River at the Lowell Heritage State Park Vandenberg Esplanade and Sampas Pavilion, celebrates the cultural and environmental importance of water to the lives of Cambodians, Laotians, and other nationalities who have moved to Lowell. Many of the events, including the exciting boat races, music, dance, and food, mirror the traditional festival events that take place in their homeland. *For more information go to www.lowellwaterfestival.org.*

DESTINATION WORLD

"Ramayana" in Lowell

August 15&16

During the traditional and well acclaimed Southeast Asian Water Festival in Lowell, join us for a Ramayana, a series of dance events celebrating the Hinduization of the Southeast Asian cultures. Discover this mythological saga of Rama and his search for his abducted wife, Sita. Learn about this tradition, its ancient Hindu teachings and its profound influences on the art and culture of India and Southeast Asia. Enjoy the world acclaimed Angkor Dance Troupe, as well as visiting Cambodian, Hindu and Thai dancers. Buses will transport you to the Ramayana performances along the Vandenberg Esplanade. Complete your day with a food market tour of Pailin Plaza, a cooking demonstration and a free Cambodian buffet.

Catch the Literary Beat!

October 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11
Come and join the Jack Kerouac Literary Month in Lowell festivities! On October 3rd through 5th attend the annual Lowell Celebrates Kerouac! festival, commemorate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Dharma Bums*, and discover Buddhism influences on Kerouac's life and novels! On October 10th and 11th enjoy a Merrimack Valley Poetry Festival complete with jazz and blues performances in downtown cafes and pubs, open mic and poetry slams, and a Jack Kerouac related art exhibit. *For more details visit www.destinationworld.org or www.cultureiscool.org.*

LOWELL CELEBRATES KEROUAC! FESTIVAL

October 3-5

Join Lowell National Historical Park and *Lowell Celebrates Kerouac!* in celebrating the life and works of Jack Kerouac. Special tours and events will include walking tours to the places Kerouac wrote about while growing up in Lowell in the 1930s.



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RICHARD THOMPSON
SAT, JUNE 28



DARYL HALL
THU, JULY 3



ASSEMBLY OF DUST
SAT, JULY 5



INDIGO GIRLS
FRI, JULY 11



LUCINDA WILLIAMS
SAT, JULY 12



BELA FLECK & SPARROW QUARTET
THU, JULY 17



THE WAILERS
THU, JULY 18



JIMMIE VAUGHAN
SAT, JULY 19



JERRY DOUGLAS
SUN, JULY 20



BRANDI CARLILE
FRI, AUG 1



LEVON HELM
SAT, AUG 2



SAW DOCTORS
THU, AUG 7



NEVILLE BROTHERS
FRI, AUG 8



MARTIN SEXTON
SAT, AUG 9



BRUCE HORNSBY
THU, AUG 14



HOTHOUSE FLOWERS
FRI, AUG 15



SHAKESPEARE'S MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
SAT, AUG 16



JOHN HIATT BAND
FRI, AUG 22



DAN HICKS & THE HOT LICKS
THU, AUG 28



KEB' MO' & BAND
FRI, AUG 29



ROBERT CRAY BAND
SAT, AUG 30



TAJ MAHAL TRIO
FRI, SEPT 5



29th ANNUAL BANJO & FIDDLE CONTESTS
SAT, SEPT 6



MARC BROUSSARD
FRI, SEPT 12

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY & MUSEUM DAY

September 27

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. Last year 110,000 volunteers worked in 1,300 locations and in every state. Now, 8 federal agencies and many state and local lands participate in this annual day of caring for shared lands. National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-42 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage.

Museum Day is a nationwide event where participating museums and cultural institutions across the country offer free admission to Smithsonian readers and *Smithsonian.com* visitors.

Join Lowell National Historical Park Saturday, September 27, 2008 for the 15th annual National Public Lands Day and help us care for our land. All park exhibit sites will be free to celebrate our national parks, museums, and public lands. Regular canal tour fees apply. *For more information go to www.publiclandsday.org or <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museum-day>.*

LOWELL SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

June 28 - September 12

Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Festival Foundation present the 19th Season of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park at the corner of French & John Streets in downtown Lowell. Lowell Summer Music Series features 25 concert events including the free 29th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests. All show times are 7:30PM except the Banjo & Fiddle Contests, which starts at noon. Affordable for the whole family, children 12 and under are always admitted free to the Lowell Summer Music Series.

A Free Children's Series will feature music, magic, juggling, dance and lots more fun, most Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 11:00AM at Boarding House Park, starting July 9. See Lowell Summer Music Series brochure for more details.

In the event of rain, most performances move to the Lowell High School auditorium, across the street from Boarding House Park. A few will be relocated to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at 50 East Merrimack Street, just three blocks from the park. See our website for details.

Event parking is available at the John Street Garage. For further information, call our infoline at 978-970-5200 or visit our web site for advance tickets at: www.lowellsummermusic.org. Tickets are also available at the Visitor Center and Boott Cotton Mills Museum Stores.