

Blackstone Valley DeTours

Blackstone Valley Canal Tours

Hike, Bike or Paddle, the Blackstone Canal is there to enjoy!

This series of tours, depending on your favorite mode of transportation, reflects the wonderful historic and recreational opportunities that a journey along the historic Blackstone Canal offers. Completed in 1825, the Canal is responsible for a great expansion of mills and early villages along the river which brought the railroad to the area that planned and created the city of Worcester.

HIKE THE CANAL TOUR
Hike the Canal through the Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park. Enjoy the wooded country side along the Canal and river by hiking the scenic trail path from Stanley Woolen Mill north approximately 4 miles to the canal just north of Phillips Landing.

CANOE & KAYAK TOURS
MA - Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge, MA: Canoe directly into Lock #25 at Goat Hill and see how narrow the locks were as boats came down the canal to the Stanley Woolen Mill and count how many turtles you can see. Pick up Blackstone-River Canoes at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center for canoe/kayak rentals. River Bend Farm also has facilities.

MA - Blackstone Gorge: Paddle upriver to the Millville Lock #23 and see the best preserved canal lock along the Blackstone. Then turn around and leisurely paddle back to the Blackstone Gorge and hike along the wildest part of the Blackstone River.

RI - Blackstone State Park, Lincoln, RI: Put in on Front Street and paddle up the canal to the Kelly House Transportation Museum, a great stop for lunch.

BIKEWAY TOURS
MA - Worcester to Millbury: Follow pieces of the Blackstone Canal as you pedal along the 2½ mile section of Bikeway connecting Worcester to Millbury.
RI An impressive 12 mile stretch of Bikeway that runs from the Woonsocket - Lincoln town line connecting canal, mill and the Providence & Worcester Railroad down through the Landfall Marsh into Cumberland offers a wide range of canal, mill and natural features. The Kelly House Transportation Museum is a great "half-way stop" with facilities.

For further information visit:
www.nps.gov/blac/planyourvisit
www.blackstonevalley.org or
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Blackstone Valley Explorer

Blackstone State Park Kelly House

295 Visitor Center

Millville Lock

Blackstone Gorge State Park

Blackstone River Bikeway

Goat Hill Lock

Kayaking in the Blackstone River

Chompson Park

Landscape of Industry An Industrial History of the Blackstone Valley

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