

Blackstone Valley DeTours



BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY
New England's Historic National Park Area

"THREE CENTURIES IN THREE MILES!"

Everyday is Great Road Day at the **Captain Wilbur Kelly House** (1835) where all transportation stories come together. Since this Visitor Center is open daily, mid-April through October 30th, begin your tour here.

Every Saturday morning from 9am-1pm there are blacksmith demonstrations at the turn-of-the-century **Hannaway Blacksmith Shop** (1880) at Chase Farm Park where you will see an operating forge. Then in the afternoon, consider continuing your tour.

On the first Saturday of each month, visit the **Valentine Whitman Jr. House** (1694), a classic stone-ender. The Whitman's were some of the first settlers in Northern Rhode Island. This was the site of the first town meeting in Smithfield.

The second Saturday of each month features **Hearthside** (1810), a magnificent stone pillared mansion with ten fireplaces. It's considered to be the finest Federal-style house in Rhode Island.

The **Saylesville Friends Meeting House** (1703) is the place to be on the third Saturday of each month. It's the oldest continuously used Quaker Meeting House in New England.

And last but not least on the fourth Saturday, take in the **Eleazer Arnold House** (1693) at Gateway Park, a finely restored example of the uniquely Rhode Island stone-ender.

After visiting the Kelly House, if the sites you wish to tour aren't open on the day you're there, opt for a leisurely drive to view these wonderful buildings from the outside or hike and bike the new Blackstone River Bikeway which runs by the Kelly House. Either pack a picnic to enjoy in Blackstone River or Lincoln Woods State Parks or dine at the **Lodge Pub & Eatery**, 40 Breakneck Hill Rd. Phone: 401-725-8510

Free Admission for all sites

Captain Wilbur Kelly House
Blackstone River State Park
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
401-333-0295
Hours: Open daily mid-April through October 30th

Hannaway Blacksmith Shop
669 Great Road
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
401-726-0597
Hours: Demonstrations Saturday mornings, 9am-1pm

Valentine Whitman Jr. House
1147 Great Road
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
401-334-2182
Hours: Open first Saturday of each month 1-4pm

Hearthside
677 Great Road
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
401-726-0597
Hours: Open second Saturday afternoon of each month

Saylesville Friends Meeting House
374 Great Road
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
401-724-7249
Hours: Open third Saturday afternoon of each month

Eleazer Arnold House
487 Great Road
Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865
781-891-4882, ext.237
Hours: Open fourth Saturday afternoon of each month

The season for the above sites ends on October 30th, however, some of the sites do host holiday events. They can be reached by calling the individual sites for more information (with the exception of the Kelly House which closes for the winter).

All sites are open on the first Saturday of October for the Annual Fall Festival.

Directions from Kelly House: If parking on Lower River Rd, follow Lower River Rd. to Cullen Hill Rd. Turn right on Cullen Hill to Old River Rd. Turn right or left on Old River Rd. depending where you want to go. If leaving from Store Hill Rd, turn left on Mendon Rd. (Route 122), then left onto George Washington Hwy (Route 116). Follow to Great Rd. and turn left. (See map on the left for locations of the sites.)

For Visitor Information call
1-800-454-2882 or visit
www.blackstonevalley.org



Valentine Whitman Jr. House



Hearthside



Kelly House



Hannaway Blacksmith Shop



Eleazer Arnold House



Friends Meeting House

Tour 6

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

