



## Blackstone Bucket List

### 101 Things **You've Got to Do** in the Blackstone Heritage Corridor!

1. Take a keepsake photo with the bronze statue of Hachiko (1 Depot Sq., Woonsocket, RI), hero of a true Japanese story and star of the 2009 film with Richard Gere filmed here.
2. Hike the tow path along the Blackstone Canal at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA.
3. Ride the 1895 Loof Carousel for 25¢ at Slater Memorial Park, Rte. 1A, Pawtucket, RI.
4. Watch the cows being milked daily from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at the fifth generation, family-owned Wrights Dairy Farm, 200 Woonsocket Hill Rd., N. Smithfield, RI.
5. Dare to drive down Tower Hill Rd. in Cumberland, RI at night...the legends say it is haunted!
6. For a scenic tour, count the barns along the Blackstone River. Or paint watercolors of our water features at any of the picturesque views, vistas and watersheds that abound in the Valley.
7. Tune up your vocal chords and catch Open Mic Night at the Purple Cat Vineyard and Winery, 11 Money Hill Rd., Chepachet, RI.
8. Find a healthy farm-fresh snack at the Daniels Farmstead's Farmers Market, 286 Mendon St., Blackstone, MA.
9. Take to the Blackstone River Bikeway and walk, bike or stroll along the 11 mile-long off road path along the river from Valley Falls to Woonsocket, RI. Along the way, visit the Lonsdale Marsh, Front St., in Cumberland, RI, to view wildlife, especially a large variety of our feathered friends.

10. Shop at the outdoor market and visit the 19<sup>th</sup>-century E. N. Jenckes Store Museum, 283 Main St., Douglas, MA.
11. Indulge in rich coffee milk at Cooper's Dairy, 515 Henshaw St., Leicester, MA.
12. Visit the National Heritage Corridor's only covered bridge at Lincoln Woods State Park, 2 Manchester Print Works Rd., Lincoln, RI.
13. Enjoy the magic of Waterfire in Providence, RI, and treat yourself to a night on the town.
14. Revel in the springtime ritual as salamanders and wood frogs proliferate in the vernal pools of Cormier Woods, 217 Chapin St., Uxbridge, MA.
15. Shop at the Brown & Hopkins Store, 1179 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI - one of the oldest, continually-operating country stores in the U.S. Penny candy!
16. Hike the Old Purgatory Trail and visit Fat Man's Misery and the Devil's Corn Crib at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation, 198 Purgatory Rd., Sutton, MA.
17. Drive on the picturesque and historic Great Rd., an original colonial highway, in Lincoln, RI.
18. See how the EcoMachine is cleansing the waters of the Fisherville and Blackstone Canals. Using algae, fungal species and creepy-crawlies, the waters and sediment here are being transformed. (Mill Villages Park, 61 Main St., South Grafton, MA.)
19. Spend a festive Independence Day at the Ancients & Horribles Parade in Chepachet, RI, that has made its way along Main St. in the late afternoon since 1926, spoofing local and national politics.
20. Give your horse some fresh air with a ride along the Southern New England Trunkline Trail from the historic Blackstone Depot site in Blackstone to the Connecticut state line in Douglas, MA.
21. Take in a new feature film at the old, authentic Elm Draught House Cinema (35 Elm St.) in Millbury, MA, where for less than \$10, you get a ticket, and snacks, and seating interspersed with tables.
22. Take a tour of Vaillancourt Folk Art Studio where you can watch painters creating Christmas treasures, then visit the museum and shop (9 Main St., Sutton, MA).

23. Visit the Rhode Island State House in Providence, RI, for a free one-hour tour of the impressive architecture.
24. Follow a National Park Service Ranger on a weekly Thursday evening Walkabout and learn about the history, sites and folklore of the Blackstone Valley. Locations and topics vary weekly.
25. Transport yourself to Jamaica at the One Love Café, 800 Main St., Worcester, MA, and sup on jerk chicken, fried plantains and vegan chocolate cake.
26. Tag a fresh and fragrant tree for your holiday celebration at the Sleighbell Christmas Tree Farm and Gift Barn in Sutton, MA (130 Whitins Rd.).
27. Climb Cogswell Tower atop Dexter's Ledge in Jenks Park (Broad St., Central Falls, RI), the location of a lookout during King Phillip's War in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and venue for a spectacular view of the Valley.
28. Take part in Autumn Fest on Columbus Day Weekend, in Woonsocket, RI, with its lengthy parade (Monday) and terrific stage entertainment.
29. Challenge yourself to a day of disc golf at Maple Hill Disc Golf Course, 132 Marshall St., Leicester, MA, a championship-caliber facility for serious athletes.
30. "Take me out to the ball game" for a great family experience at the Pawtucket Red Sox, Triple A Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, playing at McCoy Stadium, 1 Ben Modor Way, Pawtucket, RI.
31. Bring your camera to capture the amazing views from Waters Farm, founded in 1757 and still working in Sutton, MA, at 53 Waters Farm Rd.
32. Enjoy jogging, hiking, picnicking or climbing to the summit of the former Blackstone Valley ski park where trails still remain along with incredible views – all at Diamond Hill Park, Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland, RI.
33. Visit the Captain Wilbur Kelly House, Lower River Rd. (Lincoln, RI) in the Blackstone River State Park and on the banks of the Blackstone Canal, to hear the story of transportation and see how canal locks worked.
34. Spend a rainy day inside the 18,000-square-foot Bernat Antiques, a multi-dealer enterprise showcasing antiques, upcycled and recycled goods at 89 Elmdale St. in Uxbridge, MA.

35. Pitch your tent or park your RV at Echo Lake Campground (180 Moroney Rd., Pascoag, RI) amidst 250 acres of natural beauty, including 1000 feet of sandy beaches.
36. Put yourself in a time-out and explore more than 70 time pieces in the historic house and gallery of the Willard House and Clock Museum, 11 Willard St., North Grafton, MA.
37. Hear the romantic story behind the building of the early 19<sup>th</sup>-century Federal-style Hearthsides House, 677 Great Rd., Lincoln, RI. Follow the gorgeous butterflies, picnic or fly a kite at the historic Chase Farm, once a busy farm and now preserved open space at 669 Great Rd. in Lincoln, RI.
38. Relax and overnight at the historic 19<sup>th</sup>-century Old Court Bed & Breakfast at 144 Benefit St. in Providence, RI, and enjoy the many original architectural details in this sumptuous accommodation.
39. Swim in the cool, refreshing waters of Wallum Lake, part of the 907 acre Douglas State Forest, 107 Wallum Lake Rd., Douglas, MA.
40. Put your canoe in the water and paddle the beautiful Blackstone River from Cold Spring Park launch on Harris Ave. and Katherine Rd., Woonsocket, RI.
41. Pay respects to the Nine Men's Misery at the Cumberland Library (1464 Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland, RI), a monument erected in 1676 in a quiet, wooded area to commemorate nine men tortured and killed in King Phillip's War. It is believed to be the oldest veterans' memorial in the country.
42. Go ice fishing above the Blackstone Gorge in the Blackstone Gorge State Park, County St., Blackstone, MA.
43. Meander along the mile-long cobblestoned Benefit St. on the east side of Providence, RI, amid the highest concentrations of colonial buildings in the country.
44. Indulge your nostalgia and grab breakfast at the Miss Worcester Diner at 300 Southbridge St. in Worcester, where the first diner manufacturer opened in 1887.
45. Photograph an urban waterfall in Whitinsville, MA (50 Douglas Rd.) created by the drop of the Mumford River between the Northbridge Town Hall and Whitins Mill.

46. Enjoy supper and libations at Murphy's Law Irish Pub, 83 Main St. in Pawtucket where the traditional Irish menu includes Shepherd's Pie and the Daniel Day Lewis Burger.
47. Visit the Roger Williams National Memorial, ask a National Park Ranger about the founding father of the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations, and relax in the grove (Providence, RI).
48. Enjoy the sunset from Look Out Rock, the highest point in the Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, River Bend Farm Visitor Center, Blackstone River and Canal state Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA.
49. Lick a double-scoop of salted caramel chocolate pretzel ice cream at Sweet Caroline's, 1950 Bronco Hwy., Glendale, RI. Better yet, judge where one can find the best ice cream in the Blackstone Heritage Corridor - a rough task but someone has to do it!
50. Look for the Purple Peacock at Southwick's Zoo (2 Southwick's St., Mendon, MA) and shop for gifts from around the world.
51. Spend a day traveling along a 15,000-year-old glacial trench now filled with water (the Blackstone River) from Worcester, MA, to Pawtucket, RI.
52. Cross-country ski at Upton State Forest, a 2,660-acre facility where the Civilian Conservation Corp did extensive work during the Great Depression (205 Westboro Rd., Upton, MA).
53. Pick perfect peaches at the Henry Steere Orchard, 150 Austin Ave., Greenville, RI.
55. Enter the Calendar Photo Contest and see if your favorite pic will be chosen to grace the pages of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor annual calendar. Prizes!
56. Put a blanket in the car, your kids in their pajamas and take everyone out to Mendon Twin Drive-In (35 Milford St., Mendon, MA), built in 1953 and still offering family fun today.
57. Treat yourself to a performance at the historic Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, MA.
58. Buzz on over to visit the 20 colonies of bees at Betty's Bee Farm and take home some honey (1777 Victory Hwy., Glendale, RI).

59. Relax at the Whiskey Republic, 15 Bridge St., Providence, RI.
60. Bowl a few strings at the colorful Walnut Hill Bowl, 1666 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket, RI.
61. Get your artist on at Art...Make It Real and try your hand at canvas painting (105 Church St., Whitinsville, MA).
62. Find a great pumpkin amid 10 varieties of winter squash at the Farmer's Daughter, 153 Millbury St., Auburn, MA.
63. Follow the large footsteps of Betty the Learned Elephant by walking over the Chepachet River Bridge, Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI.
64. Get a "Wustah" t-shirt at the Worcester Historical Museum at 30 Elm St., Worcester, MA.
65. Learn about firefighting and see an operational 1940 Seagrave pumper at the Uxbridge Antique Fire Museum, 18 Depot St., Uxbridge, MA.
66. Go back in time at the Smith-Appleby House (220 Stillwater Rd., Smithfield, RI) built by John Smith c. 1696, a miller who was a member of Roger Williams' original party of six who founded the Providence Plantations.
67. Visit a hedgehog at the Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way, Worcester, MA.
68. Be amazed at the creativity on display at Rhody Craft, 780 Hope St., Providence, RI.
69. Unwind for a weekend in a rustic cabin at Wallis Cove Cabins, 67 Island Rd., Douglas, MA.
70. Discover your roots with help from the American-French Genealogical Society, 78 Earle St., Woonsocket, RI. They have research from more than 130 countries.
71. Hang up your "gone fishin'" sign and go fishing at Quinsigamond State Park, 110 North Lake Ave., Worcester, MA.
72. Come face to face with a white tiger at Southwick's Zoo, 2 Southwick St., Mendon, MA.

73. Find your inner child while sliding down three 300-foot waterslides and swimming in the beautiful Whiting Reservoir at Breezy Picnic Grounds Waterslides, 520 NW Main St., Douglas, MA.
74. Hike through the renewing green of Casimir Pulaski Memorial State Park, 151 Pulaski Rd., Chepachet, RI.
75. Do the Straw Bale Climb and enjoy the Giant Checkerboard at Stowe Farm, 15 Stowe Rd., Millbury, MA.
76. Need a major sugar fix? Find a rare treat at Green Mountain Chocolates, 1 Rosenfield Dr., Hopedale, MA.
77. Return to a majestic c.1926 vaudeville-era theatre and enjoy a performance at the historic Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Center, 28 Monument Sq., Woonsocket, RI.
78. Find that antique you have been looking for at the Village Barn Country Store & Antiques, 953 Victory Hwy., Mapleville, RI.
79. Munch a lunch at Stewart's Diner, 148 Main St., Blackstone, MA.
80. Get lost in a corn maze at West End Creamery & Family Farm, 481 Purgatory Rd., Whitinsville, MA.
81. Walk through the Rumford Chemical Works and Mill House Historic District, followed by gnoshing on delectable treats at the Seven Stars Bakery (20 Newman Ave., #3001, Rumford, RI). Baking powder was invented here at the Rumford Chemical Works!
82. Get dirty on your mountain bike on the trails at Durfee Hill Management Area, Durfee Rd., Glocester, RI.
83. Spend a quiet afternoon with your camera at Black Hut Management Area and you may see deer, rabbits, fox, raccoons, coyote, grouse, pheasants and waterfowl (Black Hut Rd., Burrillville, RI).
84. During periods of low water, following the stepping stones across the Blackstone River at Blackstone Gorge, off Rte. 122 in Blackstone, MA.
85. Take your little one to find a tadpole at Diamond Hill Park, Rte. 114, Cumberland, RI.

86. Search for William Blackstone's memorial, commemorating the first permanent English settler in the Blackstone River Valley, at Broad and Blackstone Sts., Cumberland, RI.
87. Start your morning with a 2-mile hike through a pine forest and open fields, past a pond and brook, to see the wildlife living at RI Audubon's Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge, 12 Sanderson Rd., Smithfield, RI.
88. Visit the best-preserved lock on the Blackstone Canal (Hope St., Millville, MA). Lock No. 21, constructed in 1827-28 of large hand-quarried blocks of granite, is where the Blackstone Canal reenters the Blackstone River.
89. Enjoy the Annual Powwow where dancing, drumming, native storytelling and vendors create a unique experience at the Douglas Flea Market, 436 North East Main St., Douglas, MA.
90. Try your hand at kayaking in a temporary canal built especially for Canal Fest in September on Harding St., Worcester, MA in September. Take a horse and wagon tour of the Blackstone Canal District of Worcester along Harding St. with knowledgeable high school student guides portraying interesting historical characters who lived in the neighborhood.
91. Conquer the Matterhorn - the Matterhorn Burger, that is! Chow down at Chuck's Steak House, 10 Prospect St., Rte. 20, Auburn, MA.
92. Find everything you didn't know you needed at the Grafton Flea, 296 Upton St., Rte. 140, Grafton-Upton town line in MA.
93. Visit the Valley Café (98A Church St., Whitinsville, MA) for scrumptious strawberry crepes or hearty mancakes.
94. Turn your head into a work of art at Michaelangelos Barbershop, 138 Green St., Worcester, MA.
95. Plan your next knitting project with coned yarn for hand- or machine-knitting from Peter Patchis Yarn, 174 Cross St., Central Falls, RI.
96. Go fly a kite on the beach at West Hill Dam, 518 East Hartford, Ave., Uxbridge, MA.
97. Have breakfast at the historic Modern Diner, 364 East Ave., Pawtucket, RI, one of the only two known surviving Sterling Streamliners still in operation.



98. Go on a village tour of Blackstone Heritage Corridor and don't forget Georgiaville and Harmony in Rhode Island, and Ironstone and White City in Massachusetts.

99. Book a farm getaway at Grace Note Farm, a bed and breakfast where the kids will fall in love with Eeyore the Donkey and Peanut the Pony (969 Jackson Schoolhouse Rd., Pascoag, RI).

100. Create a new holiday tradition and book your passage on the Polar Express, departing from the Woonsocket Depot between Thanksgiving weekend and Christmas ([blackstonevalleypolarexpress.com](http://blackstonevalleypolarexpress.com)).

101. Soar over the forests and fields, rivers and canal, 500–2000 feet about the Blackstone Heritage Corridor on a hot air balloon ride! [www.800soaring.com](http://www.800soaring.com).