



Optional Stops:

- 1 Blackstone River State Park & Bikeway
- 2 Lime Rock Village
- 3 295 Visitor Center

Blackstone Valley DeTours

“Three Centuries in Three Miles”

Great Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island



The Great Road was laid out as a colonial highway in 1683, connecting Providence, Rhode Island with Mendon, Massachusetts. For generations, it was the major link for Blackstone Valley towns with the port of Providence. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the **Great Road Historic District** in Lincoln, gives visitors a good idea of what the road once looked like and contains several historical gems that are open to the public. Many of the attractions are free of charge.

The **Saylesville Friends Meeting House (1703)** is one of the oldest Quaker meeting houses in New England and has been in continuous use as a place of worship since 1704 - longer than any other Friends Meeting House in Rhode Island. **Open on the third Saturday morning of the month from 10:00 a.m. - noon and for worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. • 374 Great Road • 401-724-7249 • www.providencefriends.org**

The first town meeting in Smithfield was held at the **Valentine Whitman, Jr. House (1694)**. A stone-ender of unique architecture, this 300-year old house served as home to the Whitman family, among the first settlers in northern Rhode Island and is furnished to represent many eras. **Visit by appointment or for special events. 1147 Great Road • Call 401-334-2182 for schedule. www.lincolnri.org**

Hearthsides (1810) is one of the finest examples of early 19th century Federal-style houses in the state. The magnificent stone mansion, with its impressive curved roofline, has 10 fireplaces. History comes alive from docents dressed in period costume. Learn why it has become known as “The House That Love Built,” and see the original Talbot looms from their renowned hand weaving business. **Open March through Dec. for tours and historic events. Check for schedule and fees. 677 Great Road 401-726-0597 • www.hearthsideshouse.org**

The newly-restored **Moffett Mill (1812)** is a rare example of a wooden mill built during the first wave of industrialization in the Blackstone Valley. The Mill made parts for wagons, carriages, shoe and corset laces. **Open during special events in conjunction with Hearthsides. Chase Farm Park • 669 Great Road • 401-726-0597 www.hearthsideshouse.org**

Historic New England’s Arnold House (1693) was built by Eleazer Arnold along Great Road. Two stories high, with a pilastered chimney, the home earned the title “Eleazer’s Splendid Mansion.” With its massive chimney end wall, the house is a rare survivor of a once-common Rhode Island building type known as a stone-ender. The structure has sustained many alterations over the centuries. **Open Saturdays and Sundays, Tours on the hour, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Last tour at 4 p.m. • 487 Great Road 401-728 - 9696 www.HistoricNewEngland.org • Parking available at Gateway Park**

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 on the Blackstone River or in Lincoln Woods State Park or dine at the **Lodge Pub & Eatery Hours: Sunday, Noon-10:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. • Thursday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-Midnight (Note: Kitchen closes one hour prior to closing.) 40 Breakneck Hill Road • 401-725-8510 • www.thelodgepub.com**

For further information visit
www.nps.gov/blac/planyourvisit
www.blackstonevalley.org or
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