

Did You Know...?

Eleazer Arnold House (1693) in 1710 was licensed as a "Publick House". Because it was situated on the Great Road, the only traveled road between Providence and the growing villages between the rivers, it was a logical site for a tavern.

Valentine Whitman J. House (1694) is a classic "stone-ender" and was the site of the first town meeting in Smithfield (which included modern-day Lincoln RI).

Saylesville Friends Meeting House (1703) is the oldest continuously used Quaker Meeting House in New England.

North Gate (1807) originally was a toll house for the Louisquisset Toll Road, then the Lime Rock Hotel, and the Lime Rock Grange community center. It is now home to the Blackstone Valley Historical Society. Also on the site is the Buckley Building, formerly the original Lime Rock Fire Station, that houses BVHS's new archives and historical library and the **Arnold Bakery (1874)** that had only one room, one oven and employed eight people.

Hearthside House (1810) has 10 fireplaces in the 10-room home, hence the name "Hearthside." This unique 2 1/2 story granite faced house was built using lottery winnings.

Captain Wilbur Kelly House (1835) is situated between the Blackstone River and the Blackstone Canal, and displays the history of the river and canal as a means of transportation from the Native Americans to the pinnacle of the Industrial Revolution.

Hannaway Blacksmith Shop (1880) offers turn-of-the-century blacksmithing demonstrations and classes at an operating forge on Saturday and Sunday mornings year-round from 8 a.m. to noon, helping to keep this old-time craft alive for future generations.

Chase Farm (1867) was originally a dairy farm that operated from 1867 - 1965 and was the last operating dairy in Lincoln, RI.

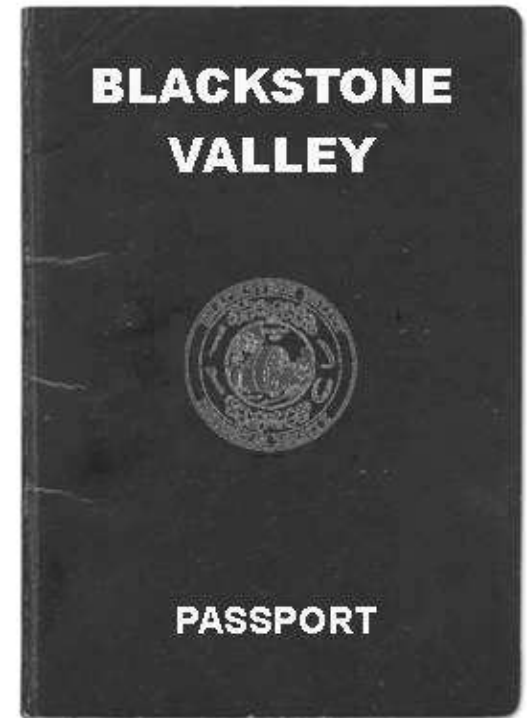
Lincoln Woods State Park (1909) was named after the 16th President of the United States, and was acquired by purchase, gift, and condemnation of farmland and woodlots of the Olney, Arnold, Comstock, and Mitchell families of the Saylesville, Lonsdale, and Quinsnicket areas of Lincoln.

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Join the Blackstone Valley Historical Society
Travel 300 years back in time

What's Great on Great Road?
Saturday July 16, 2011
11 - 5



Itinerary includes these historic sites

Saylesville Friends Meeting House
Eleazer Arnold House
Lincoln Woods State Park
Chase Farm & Hannaway Blacksmith Shop
Hearthside House
North Gate, Arnold Bakery & Buckley Building
Valentine Whitman Jr. House
Captain Wilbur Kelly House



GREAT ROAD OPEN HOUSES

**All Sites
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to the
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 - Maps & Passports at all sites
 - Location signs posted at each site
 - Light refreshments at some sites
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Lincoln Woods State Park

* A display on the history of Lincoln Woods, activities at the Nature Barn, and two walking tours (noon & 2 pm) at the Zachariah Allen Silvi-culture site.

* An unusual display of 19th century bird's eye views/ panoramic maps, placed end-to-end depict mill villages from Providence to Worcester. Exhibit suggests a balloon ride perspective 150 years ago.



North Gate, Arnold Bakery & Buckley Building



Captain Wilbur Kelly House Museum

* Kathy Barton, well-known RI wild plant expert will lead walking tours (45-min to hr.) of the Captain Wilbur Kelly House Museum. She will focus on the household uses of local plants during the early years of the RI mills.



Eleazer Arnold House and Chase Farm

* Learn about the history of Lincoln's oldest house. Join Dan Santos on a history hike from Arnold House to Chase Farm, with over 80 acres of hills and meadows (noon and 3 pm).

* Step back in time and learn about the families who lived in this great house from interpreters in period costume. At the heart of "The House That Love Built" is the 19th century kitchen, shown in a newly-completed exhibit.



Hearthside House



Hannaway Blacksmith Shop

* Turn-of-the-century blacksmithing demonstrations take place over the open forge in the original shop operated by William Hannaway. Several of his original tools are displayed in the shop.



Saylesville Quaker Meeting House



Valentine Whitman Jr. House