

Southern New England Chapter – Society for Industrial Archeology



Lawrence Duck Co. mill, Pemberton mill, and American Woolen Co. mill
along North Canal, Lawrence, Mass.

Tour of Lawrence, Mass. and SNEC Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 3, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Meet at Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA 01840

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/lawrence-heritage-state-park>

Sign up to come: email or call Leonard Henkin, SNEC Secretary, lah2004@gmail.com or call 617 325-4853

Schedule

10:00-10:30 Guided tour of the Lawrence Heritage State Park (LHSP) Visitor Center and museum.

10:30-12:15 Guided walking tour in the North Canal mill district. Possible sites to visit: North Canal, Washington Mills, Pemberton Mill, Ayer Mill & clock tower (from a distance), Union Crossing (formerly Duck Mill and Kunhardt Mills), Stone Mill, and Everett Mill.

12:15-12:45 Tour of Lawrence History Center (LHC), in the former headquarters of the Essex Company.

1:00 Return to the LHSP for SNEC's annual meeting and election of SNEC officers for 2019.

Bonus tour!

1:20-2:00 Tour of the Great Stone Dam.

Advice to tourons: wear comfortable shoes. No lunch break! Bring snacks, water, a thermos of coffee – whatever you need to keep going. Eat after the tour, for example, at El Taller Café and Bookstore, 275 Essex Street (9-9 Sat.), or Café Azteca (Mexican), 180 Common St, Lawrence (12 -9 pm Sat.).

Parking: there is limited parking at the LHSP Visitor Center. Street parking is metered on Saturday. There is a public garage at 3 Museum Square, across Jackson St. from the LHSP site.

Bone up: Information on the history of Lawrence and the LHC can be found on the LHC website: <http://www.lawrencehistory.org/>

A notable event in nineteenth-century Lawrence was the collapse of Pemberton Mill and subsequent fire in 1860. Jim Beauchesne, Visitor Services Supervisor, recommends a video about the tragedy, <https://www.imdb.com/videoplayer/vi3230701593>.

This is part of the website The Path, <http://www.lawrencehistory.org/video/thepath>