"Three Centuries in Three Miles" **Optional Stops: BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY** 1 Blackstone River State Park & Bikeway 2 Lime Rock Village 3 295 Visitor Center Great Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island Valentine Whitman J House he Great Road was laid out as a colonial highway in 1683, connecting Providence, Rhode Island with Mendon, Massachusetts. For Lincoln generations, it was the major link for Blackstone Valley towns with the port of Providence. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Mall 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 Everyday is Great Road Day at the Captain Wilbur Kelly House (1835) where houses in New England and has been in continuous use as a place of worship since 1704 the beginnings of the Blackstone Canal are explored and all transportation longer than any other Friends Meeting House in Rhode Island. Open on the third stories come together. Open daily from mid-April through October 30, Saturday morning of the month from 10:00 a.m. - noon and for worship on Sundays 9:00-4:00 p.m. • Blackstone River State Park • 401-333-0295 at 10:30 a.m. • 374 Great Road • 401-724-7249 • www.providencefriends.org (246)The first town meeting in Smithfield was held at the Valentine Whitman, Jr. House Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arnold opened the original Arnold Bakery in 1874. The (1694). A stone-ender of unique architecture, this 300-year old house served as one-story, one-room bakery now rests at North Gate (1807). Originally built as a home to the Whitman family, among the first settlers in northern Rhode Island and tollgate residence, this building is currently home to the Blackstone Valley **North Gate & Kelly House** is furnished to represent many eras. Visit by appointment or for special Historical Society. 1873 Old Louisquissett Pike • Open for special events. Arnold Bakery events. 1147 Great Road • Call 401-334-2182 for schedule. Check for schedule. 401-862-4202 • www.bvhsri.org 122 www.lincolnri.org For turn-of-the-century blacksmithing demonstrations, stop in at the **Hannaway** Hearthside (1810) is one of the finest examples of early 19th century Blacksmith Shop (1880). The public is invited to watch, or take classes, every Federal-style houses in the state. The magnificent stone mansion, with weekend from 8:00 a.m. till noon. Chase Farm Park • 669 Great Road its impressive curved roofline, has 10 fireplaces. History comes alive 401-726-0597 • www.hearthsidehouse.org from docents dressed in period costume. Learn why it has become The Chase Farmhouse (1890) is the gateway to over 85 acres of picturesque known as "The House That Love Built," and see the original hills and meadows of Lincoln's last dairy farm, operating from 1867-1965. Talbot looms from their renowned hand weaving business. Chase Farm Park depicts the rural and open character of the Great Road Open March through Dec. for tours and historic events. Historic District and is now enjoyed by the public for recreation, including Check for schedule and fees. 677 Great Road summer concerts, fishing, kite flying, sledding, and walking. The Butterfly 401-726-0597 · www.hearthsidehouse.org Lodge Pub & Garden overlooks the original farm. Open year round, closes at sun down. Eatery The newly-restored Moffett Mill (1812) is a rare 669 Great Road • 401-726-0597 • www.hearthsidehouse.org example of a wooden mill built during the first Tour 6 Lincoln Woods State Park (1908) Named after President Abraham Lincoln, wave of industrialization in the Blackstone Valley. this 458 acre park is a great place to enjoy swimming, hiking, paddling, The Mill made parts for wagons, carriages, shoe biking and horseback riding. 2 Manchester Print Works Road and corset laces. Open during special events (114)401-723-7892 • www.riparks.com/lincoln.htm in conjunction with Hearthside. Chase Farm Park . 669 Great Road • 401-726-0597 www.hearthsidehouse.org Worcester (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 Providence once-common Rhode Island building type known as a stone-ender. The structure has sustained many alterations over the centuries. (246) 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 Lincoln Woods www.HistoricNewEngland.org • Parking available at Gateway Park Moffett Mill **State 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 Olne 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 Blackstone River Bikeway 1 Mile For further information visit Route **Eleazer Arnold House** www.nps.gov/blac/planyourvisit **Saylesville Friends ?** Information Produced by: Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and the www.blackstonevalley.org or P Parking Call 401-724-2200 **Blackstone Valley Tourism Council** Map design by Neville Lassotovitch