

# 2017 INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE WALKS

Sponsored by the Morris County Park Commission

## **Walk Schedule – July thru October 2017**

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### NINETEENTH YEAR

This year's schedule of Industrial Heritage Walks offers a combination of new tours and old favorites. We hope there will be something for everyone. Please register early if you would like to attend, some of last year's walks were sold out early. As always, everyone on the IHW mailing list will receive an e-mail announcement a week before each tour date with the starting time and meeting place for that tour. More tours start at 10:00 AM. If you would like to attend, a quick return e-mail puts you on the list. If you are not yet on your list and would like hear about Industrial Heritage Walks, please contact us at [macgraphics2@gmail.com](mailto:macgraphics2@gmail.com)

July 15 – **Morris Canal Inclined Planes** – *Ledgewood*

Aug 12 – **Lincoln Park / Montville** – *Morris Canal Greenway Walk*

Sep 16 – **Hacklebarney – Forges and Mines**

Oct 15 – **Chester Furnace**

July 15

**Morris Canal Inclined Planes**, *Ledgewood* – Led by Joe Macasek. The Morris Canal's Inclined Planes were an outstanding engineering achievement. Ledgewood has two of these remarkable planes one has been cleared for visitors to explore. On this tour we will start at King's Canal Store on Main Street, investigate the site of both planes, visit an underground turbine chamber, walk along the canal towpath and visit to a nearby iron mine. This moderate hike will involve some off-trail exploration.

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August 12

**Lincoln Park / Montville**, *Morris Canal Greenway Walk* – Led by Joe Macasek and Bierce Riley. Every year new stretches of the route of the historic Morris Canal are being preserved and oped to the public as part of the Morris Canal Greenway. On this walk we will visit locations in two adjacent communities where brush has been cleared and previously overgrown areas made accessible. Although there is still a lot to be done, we will get to see what was been accomplished and what still need to be done. This is an archeology walk with a moderate amount of walking, sometimes over uneven terrain. Come equipped with sturdy shoes and a lot of imagination!

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## September 16

**Hacklebarney – Forges and Mines** – Led by Joe Macasek and Bierce Riley.

On this tour we will walk the Hacklebarney Branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey down into the Black River gorge to see the mines and forge sites in the Hacklebarney Mining District. We will visit the lower forge, one of the bests preserved archeology site in the area. After the walk there will be an opportunity for a guided tour of the fully restored Cooper Gristmill. This will be a long walk over woods roads and forest trails and will involve some off-trail exploration.

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## October 15

**Chester Furnace** – Led by industrial archeologists Joe Macasek and Bierce Riley. In the late 1860's the building of the Central Railroad of New Jersey's High Bridge Branch gave Morris County iron mines access to growing markets in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. Chester was one of the areas that, for a short 20 years period, enjoyed a rush of industrial activity. The high point of this prosperity was marked by the building of the Chester Furnace, a state-of-the-art complex that often out produced many of its neighbors. On this walk we explore the furnace site, walk railroad rights-of-way and visit the near by Hedges Mine site. This moderate hike will involve quite a bit of walking and plenty of off-trail exploration.

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