

Iron Works Park

Description

Established in 1691, the Bridgewater Iron Works at Stanley was the first to produce iron in the American Colonies and by 1860 it had become the largest producer of iron in the U.S. During the Civil War it manufactured ammunition and iron siding for our ships. The Iron Works industrial site was abandoned in 1988 and the land donated to the City of Bridgewater. Today a new forest is establishing itself on and around the ruins of the old stone and slate foundry building.

Points of Interest

- A privately-owned dam with fish ladder to help alewife herring migrate toward Lake Nippenicket
- Walking trail on both sides of the Town River
- Within walking distance of the center of Bridgewater

(Description from the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater brochure, 2001. For more information, see the [Nunckatesset Greenway website](#).)

Directions

To reach Iron Works from Bridgewater Center:

- Go north on Route 18 for 1 mile
- Turn left onto High St.
- Continue .7 mile
- Entrance is on the left near the Highway Department building

Parking Location

