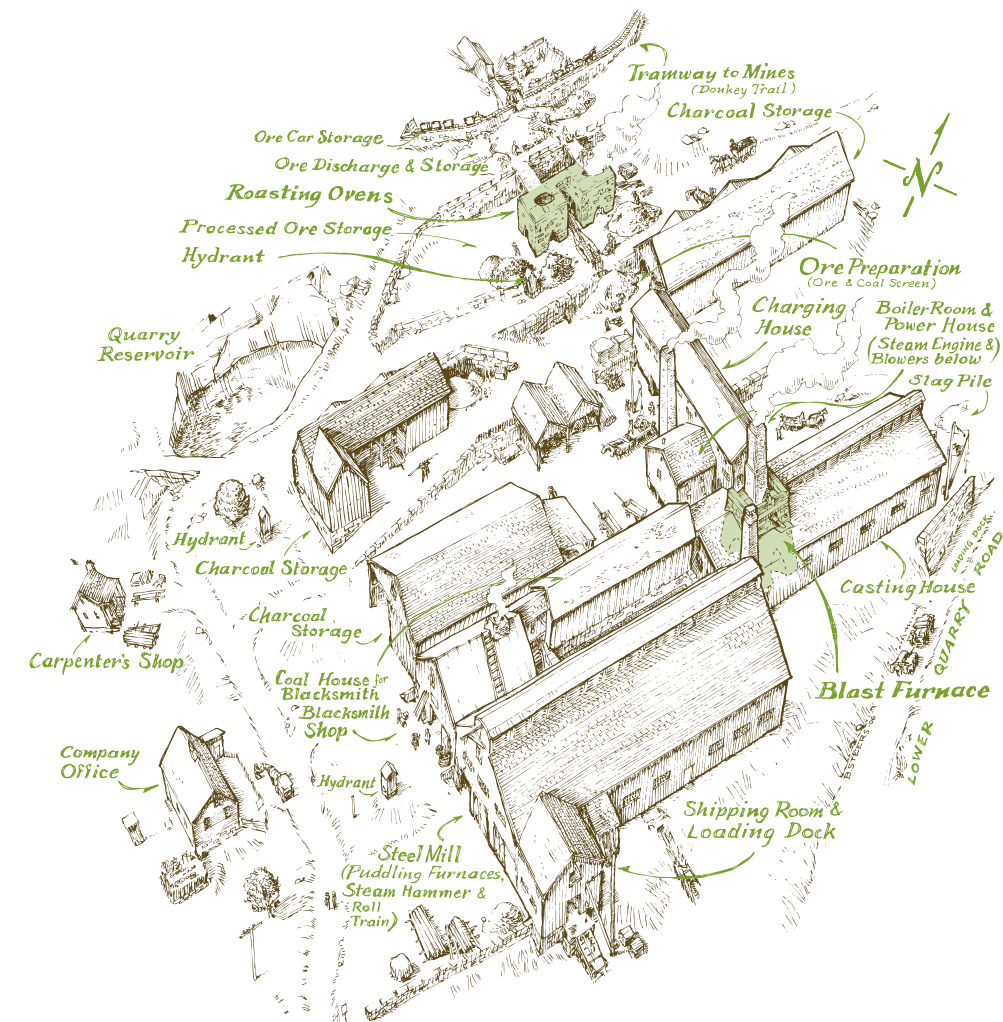
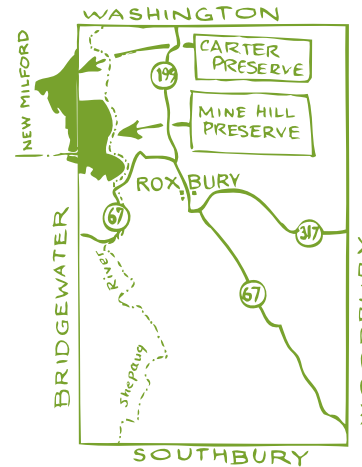


Mine Hill During Its Heyday 1865-1872



Artist Billy Steers' rendering of Mine Hill complex circa 1867 based on photographic evidence and physical remains.



Mine Hill Preserve

Access

From the Roxbury green, follow Route 67 north for 2.1 miles until you cross the Shepaug River. Turn right onto Mine Hill Road and proceed 0.3 miles to the parking area on the right.

Donor

The Roxbury Land Trust acquired the 360-acre Mine Hill Preserve from William O. and Adelaide J. Mathews, descendants of Colonel Albert L. Hodge who had owned the property since 1872, with funds from the Knapp Foundation and others in 1978.

Carter Preserve

Access

The only access is at the Quarry Bridge off the Main Loop in the Mine Hill Preserve. The shortest way to the Quarry Bridge is to hike the Main Loop counter-clockwise. The Carter Preserve Trail starts at the Quarry Bridge, which is about 1.5 miles from the historic structures.

Donor

160 acres – Gift of Arthur L. Carter in 1997



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Trail Map



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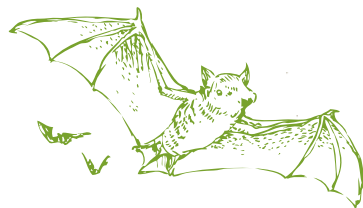
Mine Hill Preserve

360 Acres

Carter Preserve

160 Acres

Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, Mine Hill is the site of a 19th century iron mine and furnace complex. The Roxbury Land Trust acquired the preserve in 1978 and restored and stabilized the significant stone and brick structural remains of the furnace complex. These historic structures are located 0.2 miles from the kiosk near the parking lot. At the complex, you will also find three groups of interpretive signs which explain Mine Hill's history, the iron-making process and Mine Hill's impact on the region.



Mine Hill Preserve

A Main Loop (blue blazes) runs along the perimeter of the preserve with a distance of 3.5 miles. Clockwise, this trail ascends up the Donkey Trail and passes by two mine tunnels and a series of grated air shafts, which now serve as entryways to several bat hibernacula. The trail then begins its descent past an abandoned quarry, the old Quarry Bridge and a larger abandoned quarry. It eventually joins a dirt road (Hodge Road) and ends at the furnace complex.



Remains of blast furnace with ore roasting ovens in background.

For a shorter hike, there is an easy trail around the reservoir located about 100 yards from the base of the Donkey Trail. This trail begins at the base of the reservoir, crosses over the earthen dam and bridge, loops around the reservoir and then rejoins the Donkey Trail.

Distance: Main Loop = 3.5 miles

Reservoir Trail = 0.3 miles

Difficulty: The Main Loop is moderately difficult with some steep climbs and rocky terrain. The Reservoir Trail is easy.

Carter Preserve

Adjacent to Mine Hill to the north is the Carter Preserve. A trail (red blazes), begins at Mine Hill's Quarry Bridge and ascends gradually up hill and loops back to rejoin the perimeter trail of Mine Hill at the Quarry Bridge.

Distance: 2-mile loop

Difficulty: Moderate



Legend

- GATED TUNNEL ENTRANCE
- PARKING AREA
- BLUE TRAIL
- AIR SHAFT
- CARTER TRAIL red
- OLD QUARRY
- OLD RR BED

Furnace Complex

- ROASTING OVENS
- BLAST FURNACE
- Roasting Ovens
- Power House remains & Collapsed Chimney
- Loading Dock
- Blast Furnace
- Chimney
- Steel Mill remains
- Hotel remains
- WATER CULVERT
- R.R. Spur Quarry Loading Dock
- RETAINING WALL / FOUNDATION
- INTERPRETIVE SIGN
- HYDRANT
- STRUCTURE