



DAY TRIP TO LONG POND IRONWORKS

From Ringwood • Passaic County, New Jersey



OTHER MINING AND
OIL



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TRAILS OPEN DAILY

A state park historic district with ruins and restored buildings. Trails open daily; museum on weekends, per the Friends' 2026 pages and photos from October 2025.

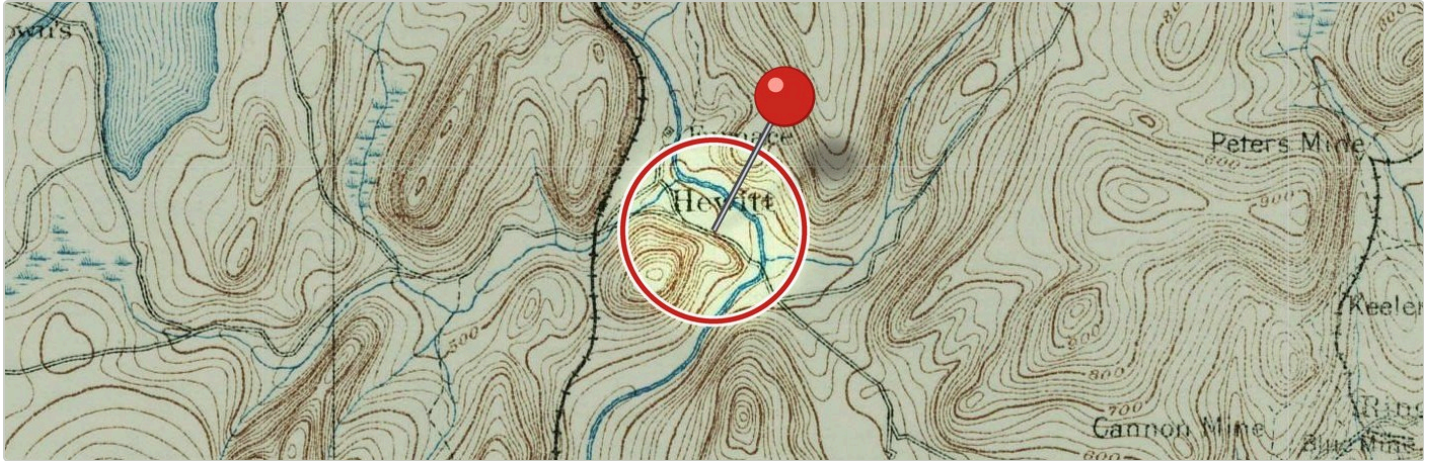
Long Pond is a short drive from Ringwood and an easy half day. The trails are open every day; come on a weekend afternoon before mid-November for the museum.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Early afternoon | Drive CR 511 from Ringwood, about 11 minutes. Pick up a trail map at the kiosk. |
| ☐ Afternoon | Walk the historic district: the furnace ruins, the two waterwheels and the stone double house. |
| ☐ 1 to 4 p.m., weekends | Visit the museum in the village store. |
| ☐ Late afternoon | Look out over the Monksville Reservoir from its shore. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The furnace ruins.** The tall stone stacks catch low autumn light, as in the hero photo.
- **The waterwheels.** Shoot the burned wheel and the rebuilt one side by side to show the difference.
- **The stone double house.** Its front faces a clearing; step back to fit the whole wall.
- **The mine hole sign.** Photograph it from the trail. Don't cross the tape.



USGS topographic map, 1891 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	5 mi, about 11 min each way from Ringwood. From New York: 43 mi, about 1 h 03 min.
OPEN	Historic district trails daily, sunrise to sunset. Visitor center and museum Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.; the 2026 season ends November 14.
ADMISSION	The state park charges no entrance fee (state park page, archived May 14, 2026). The Friends' pages give no museum fee.
RESTROOMS	At the visitor center, per the Friends. The park has no trash cans; carry out what you bring.
MAPS	Self-guided trail maps and brochures at the visitor center and the parking lot kiosk.
RULES	The mine hole is closed; swimming and other unauthorized activities there are prohibited, per the posted sign.
CONTACT	Friends of Long Pond Ironworks, 973-657-1688; state park office (Ringwood State Park), 973-962-2240.
WEBSITE	longpondironworks.org

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 41.14099, -74.30923 • 41°08'28"N 74°18'33"W

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/new-jersey/long-pond-ironworks/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.