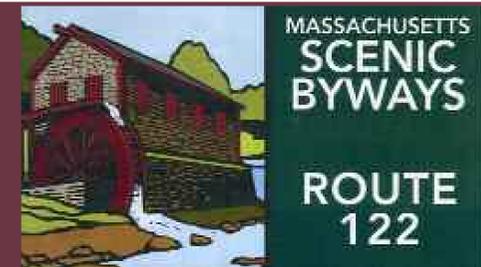


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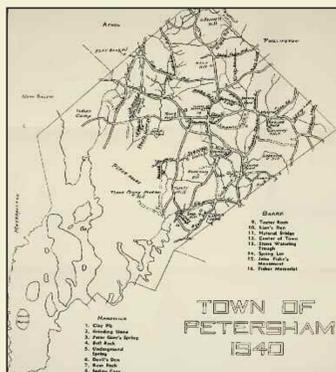


PETERSHAM



Nichewaug Village

Nichewaug was an early name for the town of Petersham. Nichewaug village was in the southern section of town and was also known by some as Factory Village with its riverside grist and saw mills, woodshops, blacksmiths and other businesses. The village thrived with its own Post Office, schoolhouse, and general store. Nichewaug was neighbor to the town of Dana, one of the villages lost to the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir.

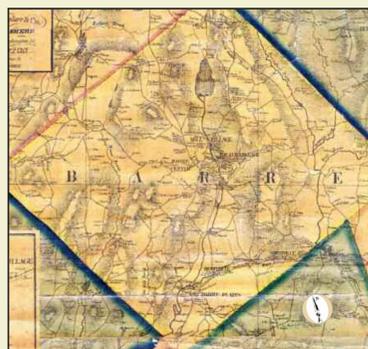


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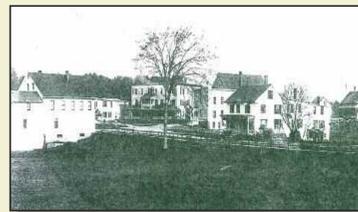


White Valley Village

The village existed under three names for 104 years including Clark's Mills and Smithville, harnessing power from the Ware River to manufacture cotton cloth. The mill closed in 1925. DCR bought all the village properties including the company store, post office, filling station, barber shop, office building, and school house. The DCR razed the rest of the mill in 1936 following the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir. The former weaving building now serves as a garage for the DCR and is the only surviving structure on site.

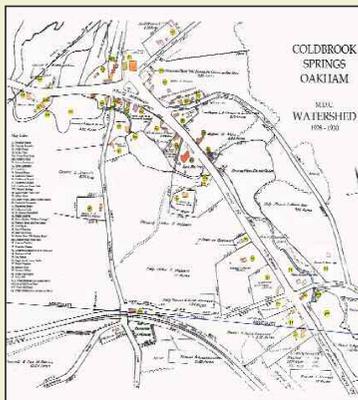


OAKHAM



Village of Coldbrook Springs

Oakham was originally the west wing of Rutland; first settled by whites in the 1740s. The town was incorporated as a district on June 11, 1762, and given full town status on August 23, 1775. There were two main population centers in the town; the center village, and Coldbrook Springs, at the north end of town.

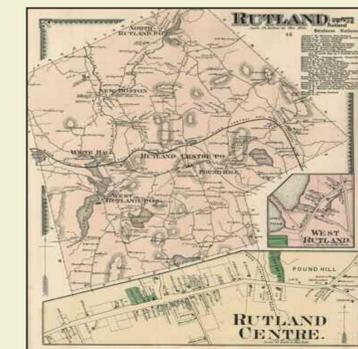


RUTLAND



Village of West Rutland

Rutland was founded in 1713 and incorporated in 1722. It is the geographical center of Massachusetts, marked by a tree called the Central Tree located on the Central Tree Road. Originally 12 miles square, it included parts of Paxton, Oakham, Barre, Princeton, and Hubbardston. These towns each became incorporated from 1771 to 1775 and separate from Rutland. All the buildings of West Rutland village were removed in the 1930s as the area is considered watershed for Quabbin Reservoir.

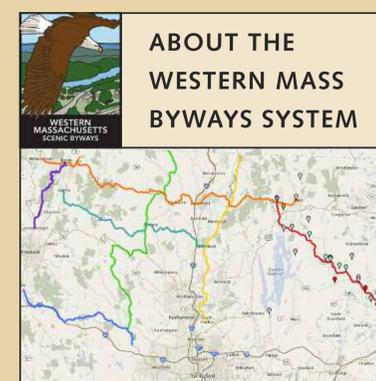
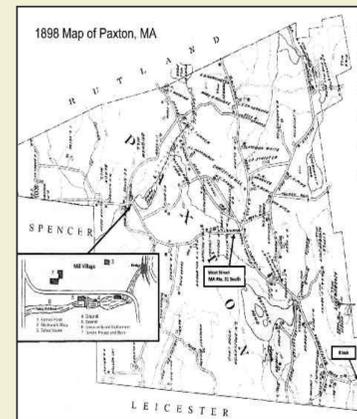


PAXTON



Moore State Park, an old mill village site

The Mill Village was established in 1747 and consisted of a gristmill, sawmill, triphammer, tavern, and one-room school house. In 1965, the site was named the Major Willard Moore Memorial State Park.



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Linking the historic towns of Orange, New Salem, Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Rutland and Paxton, the Route 122 Scenic Byway travels from north of the Quabbin Reservoir south along 40 miles to the border of Paxton and the City of Worcester.

History and Culture at Every Turn

The Lost Villages Section of the Route 122 Scenic Byway derives its name from the many areas once settled that were "lost" as a result of changes in human settlement patterns, the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir and its aqueduct system, and other historic events. The "lost villages" include the following:

- Towns "lost" to the Quabbin Reservoir: Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott
- The "Indian" Caves

- West Rutland Village
- Coldbrook Springs Village
- White Valley Village
- Nichewaug Village
- Moore State Park
- Rutland Prison Camp
- Old mill villages and farm settlements

Pack Your Gear and Stay a While

Rutland State Park, Federated Women's Club State Forest, Harvard Forest, Muir Meadows Cook's Canyon, and other local conservation areas offer ample opportunities for camping, hiking, on- and off-road biking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, canoeing and kayaking, and wildlife watching. Quail Hollow, Bedrock, Kettle Brook, and Camp Coldbrook Golf Courses, as well as the

Barre Falls Dam Disc Golf Course, provide venues for friendly competition. Farm stands dot the byway providing the traveler with a direct connection to fresh produce at local farms.

Serenity and Reflection

For many visitors, the quiet and unspoiled landscape inspires spiritual reflection. Petersham and Barre are home to several Catholic convents and monasteries, Buddhist retreats, and non-denominational spiritual centers. As you travel through the Quabbin Reservoir region, it is worth reflecting on the four towns relocated in the 1930s to accommodate this massive project. Hundreds of homes, businesses, a state highway and railroad line, and 34 cemeteries were moved or dismantled. In Petersham, Gate 40 leads to the former Dana town common and Gate 43 leads to the former Town of Greenwich.

Celebrate The Seasons

Moore State Park in Paxton was the site of grist and saw mills from 1747 through the early 1900s. Today, walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing paths pass old stone foundations, the Enchanta covered bridge, and a restored mill, providing year-round opportunities to enjoy nature and glimpse the region's past. Thousands of azaleas, rhododendrons, and mountain laurels cascade down hills, line wooded paths, and decorate waterfalls, making this an especially glorious destination when the plants bloom in mid- to late spring. Fall foliage draws thousands each year to witness the changing seasons all along the byway. The International Snowmobile Trail and the Mass Central Rail Trail, along with many other paths all along the route, attract countless visitors to trek the trails winter, spring, summer, and fall.



The Route 122 Scenic Byway is a collaborative project of the five towns of Barre, Oakham, Paxton, Petersham, and Rutland, in partnership with the following agencies:

