

# PLACES OF NORTH KINGSTOWN: RYAN PARK

Join Tim Cranston on this informative history/nature walk along the Ryan Park Trail system that runs from the parking lot of the Lafayette Mill and ends up at the ballfield area at Oak Hill Road. It covers a number of topics including history of the Newport & Wickford rail line, the historic uses of the land including the native Narragansett people, the story of the American Chestnut Tree, the importance of a diverse woodland habitat, invasive species like phragmites, the history of the textile industry in the area and the story of the creation of millponds like Secret Lake, Belleville Pond and the Lafayette Mill pond. The walk will begin by the waterfall behind the Lafayette Mill building and end at the Dam on Belleville Pond off of Oak Hill Road. Bus service back to your car will be provided. This is a "sensible shoes" kind of walk which is about a mile or so in length.

Meet in the back parking lot of the Lafayette Mill at 650 Ten Rod Road. Due to the capacity limit of the bus, the attendance of the walk will be limited to 40 people.

**Presented by Tim Cranston,  
Town Historian**



**Saturday, July 20 at 10:00am  
Lafayette Mill  
650 Ten Rod Rd.  
North Kingstown, RI**



Please register at [nklibrary.libcal.com](http://nklibrary.libcal.com).

This walk will be recorded and posted to the @NorthKingstown350th Youtube channel.

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