Museum Pass Information
Historic Sites of the Morris County Park Commission

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“Opening Day” is here for the Historic Sites of the Morris County Park Commission! During the season, running from April through the end of October, library patrons can check out the combined Historic Sites Museum Pass for free general admission entry to Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, Historic Speedwell, and Cooper Gristmill. The Pass admits up to two adults and three children to any—or all—of the sites, which is up to a $75 value. Present the Pass at check-in when visiting a site. The regular general admission fee is $5 per person ages 4 & up (ages 3 & under are free), and each site charges for admission separately. The Museum Pass is not valid for admission to special events, programs, and workshops.

Fosterfields in Morristown: Find out about farm life as it was 100 years ago. On a self-guided tour with interpreters in historic costume along the way, help the farmers with chores such as feeding the chickens and churning butter, meet the Jersey cows and other barnyard animals, and enter the historic 1915 farmhouse where the Woods family lived. On Fridays and Saturdays, take a guided tour inside The Willows 1854 mansion (11am & 2pm) built by Gen. Joseph W. Revere, a grandson of patriot Paul Revere. Six children grew up at Fosterfields between 1870 and 1920, and you can explore the nostalgic toys, dolls, and playsets of that era in the exhibit Well Played: Changes in Childhood. Ready for a road trip back in time? The interactive exhibit Driving Into the 20th Century explains the changing landscape of transportation throughout the 1900s. You can also check out fully-restored antique cars and a climb-on Model T truck.
Fosterfields is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm (last farm entry at 3 pm). Call (973) 326-7645 or email tours@morrisparks.net.

Historic Speedwell in Morristown: Experience life during the Industrial Revolution and the dawn of modern communication. This historic site includes the 1860s Vail House, and the Factory Building where the telegraph was first publicly demonstrated by Samuel F.B. Morse and Alfred Vail. The Factory Building features 30 interactives about the mechanics of the telegraph and its influence on modern communication. Learn about Ironmaster Stephen Vail and the dangerous art and industry of ironworking from the exhibit The Speedwell Ironworks: A History of Workers and Work. In the L’Hommedieu Visitor Center exhibit room, tour the exhibit Inventing Beauty to discover how concepts of beauty were informed by 19th century innovation and inventions, and also challenged distinctions between class and gender.
Historic Speedwell is open Thursdays & Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm. Call (973) 285-6550.

Cooper Gristmill in Chester:
The 1826 Cooper Gristmill is one of the last operational historic mills in the area. Visitors experience simple machines, renewable power, and industrial progress as educators demonstrate how the site operated over a century ago. The History of the Black River Gorge exhibit about the natural and industrial history of Milltown, the community that sprung up around the Mill, sets the stage for a pleasant walk along Patriots Path whose trailhead is by the Visitor Center.
Cooper Gristmill is open Fridays & Sundays, 10 am to 4 pm. Call (908) 879-5463.