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RiverSpark

<http://www.riverspark.org/>

Visitor Center
251 River St
Troy, NY 12180

Hours:

May 15th-September

Tues-Fri: 10am-6pm

Sat&Sun: 10am-5pm

October-May 15th

Tues-Sat: 11am-5pm

Admission: Free (donations appreciated) Groups are encouraged to schedule in advance

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Historical Description:

“The theme of this area is Industry and Labor. Abundant and cheap water power sparked the nations first major industrial communities. Its strategic location along natural waterways made it a transportation hub or a network of canals and later railroads which stretched far to the north and west. It was the center of the thriving iron and textile industries, and the birthplace of some of the nation's first labor and union activities.”

The Site:

“The RiverSpark Heritage Area is composed of seven municipalities: Cohoes, Colonie, Green Island, Town of Waterford, Village of Waterford, Watervliet and Troy (where RiverSpark is currently headquartered).”

Directions:

From the North:

Take I-87 south to Exit 7 (Rt. 7 east). Take Rt. 7 east to Downtown Troy exit. Follow signs for downtown Troy, which will bring you onto 6th Avenue. Turn right one block past third traffic light onto Broadway. The Visitor Center is at the end of Broadway at 251 River Street.

From the South:

Take I-87 north to Exit 23 (Albany-Rensselaer). Follow I-787 north to the Troy-Bennington exit (Rt. 7 east). Take Downtown Troy exit at end of bridge. Follow signs for downtown Troy, which will bring you onto 6th Avenue. Turn right one block past third traffic light onto Broadway. The Visitor Center is at the end of Broadway at 251 River Street.

