A Glimpse into the Past

Close your eyes; is that the wind or the soldiers’ drumming? It is a scene from the American Revolutionary War, and you are standing on the path, which is the Byway’s National Historic Pathway, the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

Millstone Valley Scenic Byway

The Millstone Valley Scenic Byway is a 35-mile stretch of road that follows the path of the Millstone River from Blackwells Mills to Kingston. It is one of New Jersey’s premier scenic byways, offering a glimpse into the past through its well-preserved historic sites and communities.

Griggstown

Griggstown is a well-preserved canal village in New Jersey. It has the unique distinction of being located on the Delaware River, which is the town’s namesake. The village has a picturesque canal-side park, a small church, and a historic canal lock. The canal lock is located on the canal, just north of the town.

Blackwells Mills

I would be hard to find a 19th-century operation as nicely preserved as Blackwells Mills, with its blacksmith shop, grist mill, and surrounding gardens. The Blacksmith Shop is one of the best-preserved 19th-century blacksmith shops in New Jersey.

Kingston

Kingston was located on the main road connecting Philadelphia to New York. The town was a thriving commercial center and manufactured goods. The town was also a major stop on the Washington Crossing and served as a major supply point for the Continental Army.

Hillsborough

Hillsborough is a historic village located along the Millstone River. It was once a thriving commercial center and manufacturing town. The town has many historic buildings, including the Hillsborough Reformed Church, which is the oldest church in the state.

Acknowledgments

The Millstone Valley Scenic Byway was designated as a State Scenic Byway on June 27, 2002, and extended through an amendment on July 26, 2007. The Byway received National designation by the Federal Highway Administration on September 14, 2008.

The Byway is located in a unique area of New Jersey, and it is a great place to explore the history of the American Revolution. The Byway has a website that is a great resource for visitors, and it is a great destination for history enthusiasts.