



# STANHOPE INCLINED PLANE 1 WEST TO LOCK TWO WEST



Dating back to the 1700s, Stanhope evolved into a port village after the Morris Canal opened in 1831, and then a busy industrial town with the opening of the Musconetcong Ironworks in 1841. The Morris Canal entered Stanhope from the east after crossing Lake Musconetcong. The lake was created in 1848 as the Stanhope Reservoir to supply water for both the canal and the ironworks. The canal then passes the beautiful mansion that was once owned by Robert P. Bell, president of the Morris Canal & Banking Company, and owner of mill and forge operations in town. Stanhope basin has been paved over for the post office, but a watered spur leads to a basin that once served the ironworks. Plane Street parallels Inclined Plane 2 West, which lowered the canal boats to level of the Musconetcong River. On the Mount Olive side of the river, the towpath trail follows one of the longest watered sections of canal to Lock 2 West, where the remains of the stone tender's house have been preserved.



- - - Greenway Trail
- Route of the Morris Canal
- - - Former route of the Morris Canal
- New Jersey State Parks Property

**Greenway information:**  
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