



The Chester Granite and Polishing Works October 6th at 1:00 pm

Parking: Emery Street Chester at the Granite Saw Parking Lot across from the Ballfield
Hike Rating: Easy 1 mile, mostly flat terrain on dirt

Join us for a special Housatonic Heritage event! The Hudson and Chester Granite Company was one of two granite finishing works in Chester for cutting and polishing the granite brought down to the Historic Factory Village on the Chester and Becket Railroad which was built for this purpose in 1896. "Chester Blue Granite" was brought down the steep mountain railroad from the Hudson and Chester quarry, known today as the Becket Quarry in Becket. The finishing works burned down after many prosperous years in business making monuments and gravestones and has been private property since, until now. In September of 2023 the Hilltown Hikers purchased this lot, including a ten-foot shot saw and all the remains of its buildings and equipment. Tour the property on our newly created walking path and learn about the Granite Industry in Chester and Becket. Donations for the conserved Chester Granite and Polishing Works property are greatly appreciated.

Please Register per car on
<https://westernmasshilltownhikers.ticketleap.com>. Maps and bottled water provided. Be prepared for rocks, roots and some uneven ground. We will hike rain or shine. More information on www.hilltownhikers.com



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