

Canal Heritage Days at Waterloo

**July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27, September 10 and 24 and October 8 and 22.
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

For the fifth year the Canal Society is partnering with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the State Park Service to co-sponsor Canal Heritage Days at Waterloo. These days will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays during July through October, rain or shine. On these days the grounds of the village will be open to the public, guided tours will be offered of the village and the canal, our New Jersey Canal Museum will be open, and on most of the dates our boat ride on the canal will be offered. In addition, Smith's Store, the Rutan Cabin, the Blacksmith Shop and the Gristmill will be open for interpretation. The Society continues to work with the State to be able to make other buildings in the village available to the public in the future.

On all of these Saturdays Waterloo will be open to the public free of charge. The Canal Society's goal is to offer the public an opportunity to experience the unique canal heritage of Waterloo, despite the fact that the site is closed during much of the year. Attractions will include the Society's New Jersey Canal Museum, tours of the village and canal sites, pontoon boat rides on the Morris Canal, historic interpretation in Smith's Store, the Rutan Cabin, and the Gristmill.

Canal Heritage Days are a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the picturesque setting of Waterloo, while bringing the Morris Canal to life for the visiting public. During past years we have met the most interesting people on these days, including blacksmiths, a university professor whose divers have discovered a sunken Morris Canal boat in the Hudson River, a descendant of the Waterloo plane tender, and many tourists from foreign countries who are amazed at Waterloo! It is always a fun and worthwhile experience! We look forward to seeing you there!