The Copake Iron Works was established in 1845 along the Bash Bish Brook at the base of the Taconic Ridge. In 2007, the Copake Iron Works site and 18 acres surrounding the area were listed on the State and National Register of Historic Sites. The Copake Iron Works Historic District comprises all the buildings in the Copake Iron Works site, the historic blast furnace, three workers’ houses and the now-flooded ore pit, as well as the previously National Register-listed Church of St. John in the Wilderness. In 2016, the Copake Iron Works was designated a National Heritage Area Site in the Hudson Valley and a National Park Service Passport Site.

Thank you for visiting the Copake Iron Works National Heritage Area Site and Historic District. We recommend starting your visit at our Visitors Center (#6), open year round during daylight hours. Docent guided tours of the Iron Works Museum adjacent to the Visitors Center are available from 2pm to 4pm, Saturday, Sundays and holiday Mondays from Memorial Day through mid-November, or by appointment. The Iron Works Heritage Trail, described on this map, is an easy and scenic hike to the Bash Bish Falls. There are two options for your return to the Iron Works: easy (return the way you came) or strenuous (return via the trail that runs west above Route 344).