**The Morris Canal and the Oakland Farmer**

Question. Was there a feeder access from Pompton Lakes to the Morris Canal?

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[**David T. Kearns**](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001409043973) The Feeder, built by the Canal company in 1836-37, traveled 4 miles north to Pompton Plains, where it joined with the Ramapo River, ultimately bringing a supply of water to the canal from Greenwood Lake and the Ramapo. Citation, Images of America Morris Canal book.

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[**Tim Roth**](https://www.facebook.com/tim.roth.54) Depends what you mean by access. Pompton Lakes was connected to the Pompton Feeder through the Ramapo River, where the northern outlet of the feeder connected a couple miles below the Pompton Lakes dam. The dam just below the outlet lock allowed for slackwater navigation a short distance upstream to the Pompton Ironworks, but not as far up as Pompton Lakes.

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[**Tim Roth**](https://www.facebook.com/tim.roth.54) [Joe Phalon](https://www.facebook.com/joe.phalon?hc_location=ufi) Oh yes. There was a guard lock at the northern terminus of the feeder that allowed boats access to the Ramapo River, where they could navigate upriver a ways to the Pompton Ironworks. A dam, just below the lock, allowed for slack water navigation.

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[**Tim Roth**](https://www.facebook.com/tim.roth.54) Remains of the lock still exist, as well as the replacement dam on the Ramapo.

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