Historic Village

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Guide to the Historic Village

A Living Reminder of Black Swamp Heritage

Your experience at Sauder Village will cover many time periods and highlight many points of interest. The following list will help identify each building’s focus.

1. Eric’s Farm Shop – This shop, originally located on the Sauder Family Farm before moving here, is where Sauder Woodworking began. Eric Sauder started working with wood at the age of 16.
2. Sauder Cabinet Shop – Paying tribute to the importance of woodworking in this region’s development, this shop displays a unique collection of woodworking tools.
3. The Basket Shop – Talented basket makers are at work each day creating a variety of unique baskets.
4. Craft Shop – Watch as crafters blend skill and creativity in hands-on craft making. Woodworking, Rug Hooking, and other handicrafts are demonstrated throughout the season.
5. The Timmsmith Shop – In this shop, reproductions of 1700s–1800s traditional tinware are created.
6. Black Swamp Sump – Watch and learn how our cooper uses tools and techniques that have changed little over the centuries to make barrels and boxes.
7. Anna’s Spinning Shop – This shop showcases the tradition of spinning fibers into yarn.
8. Barbara’s Weaving Shop – Skilled weavers turn threads and rags into beautiful creations on our own looms.
9. St. Mark’s Lutheran Church – This church from the early 1920s depicts the religious life of the German Lutheran community living in this region.
10. Stella Leon’s Chocolates & Coffees – Offers handmade chocolate, caramel, and truffles made with fresh ingredients. Enjoy a sweet treat with a cup of coffee, a Signature Hot Chocolate, or an Arctic Blend ice cream.
12. Sauder Village Building – Visit our new exhibits and learn about the Sauder company, grains, agriculture, the Great Black Swamp and more. Due to flood of 2015 some areas are closed.

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