

Small Historic Towns Across America.

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Brief History of Clarkston, Michigan.

The Village of Clarkston, Michigan was founded in 1832. However, the land that Clarkston was built on was purchased in 1823. It was bought by the Williams family of Waterford Township. Soon, settlers from New York and New Jersey began to arrive and build homes. Early settlers included Jeremiah Clark and his brother Nelson Clark. The brothers started developing the town by building various buildings, including a fish hatchery and a general store.

The brothers became involved in local politics and soon, Clarkston had its first Township Supervisor, Jeremiah Clark. In 1842, the settlers held a meeting to come up with a name for their new village. They dubbed it Clarkston, after the Clark brothers.

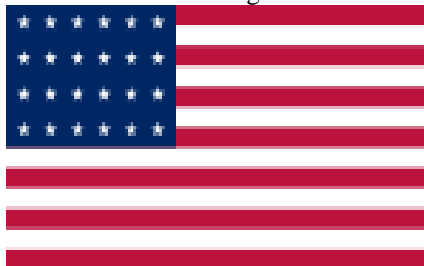
Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airports(s).

Clarkston is located approximately 42 miles north of Detroit. To get to Clarkston, take Interstate 75 North to Exit 91. Turn left onto M-15 and that will take you to Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time?

In 1832, the year Clarkston was founded, Andrew Jackson was the President. President Jackson put into motion the National Bank Charter and the Indian Removal Act at that time. That era was an era of removing the Native tribes and expanding our country.

There were only 24 states in 1832. This is the flag of the United States at the time.



Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.

Rudy's Market is one of the oldest businesses in town. It was established in 1933. This is a picture of the market.



City Government.

Clarkston uses a form of government called a township government. Basically, a township government can provide practically any type of governmental services for the town's citizens. The governing body of Clarkston consists of 7 people. They include a Clerk, a Supervisor, a Treasurer, and 4 Trustees. More information can be found in the links provided at the bottom.

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

Clarkston has a variety of great attractions. Clarkston Union Bar and Kitchen, Depot Park, and Main Street are some of the best ones.

There are also many events and festivals you can attend. A list of these events as well as the dates can be found at the link provided at the bottom.

Where can we stay if we visit Clarkston?

When you visit Clarkston, you have the choice of staying at Olde Mill Inn, Clarkston Motor Inn, or Millpond Inn, a B&B. Olde Mill Inn is ranked number one between Olde Mill Inn and Clarkston Motor Inn. Millpond Inn is the only B&B.

Why would I want to visit this historic small town?

Clarkston has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It also has a nice hometown feel and makes for a great vacation spot. I was born not too far from Clarkston and lived there for a time. If I had the choice of visiting any small town, it would be Clarkston. I highly recommend visiting this town if you are looking for a place to relax and have fun.

Useful Links.

More about Clarkston's government: <http://www.twp.independence.mi.us/>

Clarkston's list of events/festivals: http://villageofclarkston.org/events_homepage/index.php (these events happen yearly)

Clarkston official website: <http://villageofclarkston.org/>