

New Harmony, Indiana

Small Historic Towns in America



Brief History of New Harmony

George Rapp founded New Harmony in 1814. He was a member of a German Religious group called the Harmonists. They moved here from Pennsylvania because of the areas rising land costs, and their society's desolation. They lived there for 10 years, and achieved economic success. They sold the lands to Robert Owen, a Welsh Philosopher, for his communitarian experiment. Robert Owens goal for New Harmony was to create a perfect society, by creating free education, and by getting rid of social classes and personal wealth. This however didn't last very long, only about a year. Today, New Harmony is a popular historic tourist attraction. There are tours around the city, where you can see the old villages the Harmonists lived in, like in the photo above.



Driving directions from Major Airports.

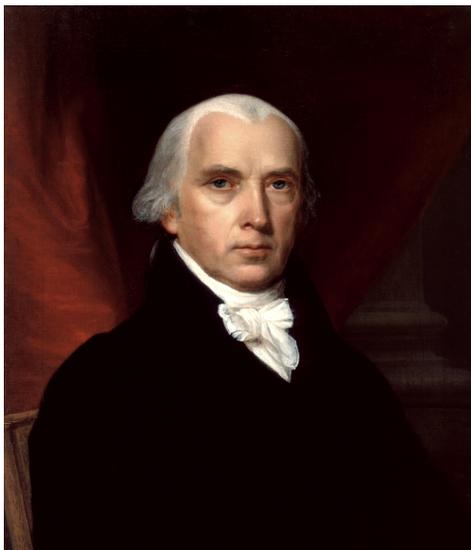
The nearest airports from New Harmony are in Evansville IN, St Louis, MI, Louisville KY.

Evansville Regional Airport: Go south on Highway 41 until you reach the exit for highway 66, keep driving until you see the exit for New Harmony, which is about 15 miles down the highway.

St Louis MI: Leave St. Louis going east on Interstate 64. Once you get into Indiana, look for the exit signs for Highway 69, which should take you right down to New Harmony.

Louisville KY: Leave Louisville, and go to Interstate 64, which should take you right into Indiana, take that for about 2 hours until you get passed Evansville IN. Then exit on Highway 69 should take you right to it.

Who was the President at the time when New Harmony was founded? And what was the Political Environment?



James Madison was the President of the United States in 1814 at the time of the Founding of this town. The War of 1812 was occurring during this time period. Samuel Colt was born this year. He was the founder of Colt Firearms company. There were only 15 states in the United States at this time.

Oldest Business

The Oldest business in New Harmony is The Yellow Tavern. The Harmonists built the Original building in 1815. It was used often as a Tavern. In 1908 it caught on fire and burned down. It was rebuilt, and is in use to this day.

City Government

New Harmony's current city government, is run by the City Council, comprised of five members.



Historic Attractions, Festivals and Events

There are many attractions in New Harmony. Not only are there many tours of the historic homes, and buildings in the town, there are many events year round, like the Annual Golden Rain tree Antique show, and the Annual arts show.



Where to stay at in New Harmony.

One of the best hotels to stay at in the area is the New Harmony Inn. It has many great views, and great food! It also has a spa, and great rooms.



Why you should visit this town.

The reason you should visit this town, is because you can learn a lot about the history of early America. Not only do you get to learn about it, you can witness it with your own eyes, by looking inside the historic buildings, and by seeing what their lives were like in early America.

For more information visit these links

<http://www.newharmony-in.gov>

<https://www.usi.edu/hnh/>

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