

Small Towns across America

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Walnut Creek, Ohio

Ohio's Amish country

Brief History of Walnut Creek, Ohio

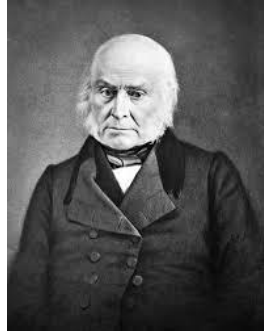
In 1809 Walnut Creek had its first permanent settler, Jonas Stutzman. Jonas traveled to Walnut Creek from Somerset County, Pa. to clear land for farming, and to build a house for his family. Jonas and his wife were of the Amish faith. The Amish are decedents from a group of strict Protestant Anabaptist. Jonas and other Amish pioneer settlers founded Walnut Creek in 1825, and it is now one of the largest Amish settlements in North America.

Location and Driving Directions from the closest major U.S. Airports.

Walnut Creek is about 95 miles from the Columbus Airport, and is located on OH-515. For more detailed directions visit this website: <http://tinyurl.com/pf26wuo>

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

John Quincy Adams, the 6th president of the United States, was president when Walnut Creek was founded.



The Erie Canal, which runs through Ohio, was completed while Adams was in office, linking the Great Lakes to the East Coast and enabling a flow of products such as grain, and farm produce to Eastern markets. Adams also sought to provide Native Americans with territory in the West.

Oldest business/largest businesses today.

The Der Dutchman has been in Walnut Creek over 30 years. Located in the center of town, it is the best restaurant destination for tourists and townfolk. Their Amish Kitchen Cooking is the No. 1 reason generations of visitors have made the trip to Der Dutchman every year. But their hilltop location and spectacular view come in a close second.

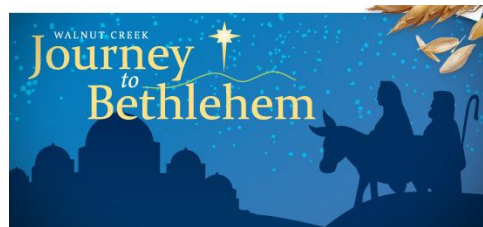


City government.

“The township is governed by a three-member board of trustees, who are elected in November of odd-numbered years to a four-year term beginning on the following January 1. Two are elected in the year after the presidential election and one is elected in the year before it. There is also an elected township fiscal officer, who serves a four-year term beginning on April 1 of the year after the election, which is held in November of the year before the presidential election.” (Wikipedia)

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

There are several places you may wish to visit while in Walnut Creek, such as the Der Dutchman, Coblentz Chocolates, and the Carlisle Gifts. At the Der Dutchman you can enjoy home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. At Coblentz Chocolates you can watch how they make their chocolates, and then taste some!



Every Christmas Walnut Creek has an annual “Journey to Bethlehem.” This self-guided tour is a fun way to experience the story of Jesus’s birth in Bethlehem. The tour takes you all through Walnut Creek starting at Coblentz Chocolates and ending at The Farm at Walnut Creek.

Where can we stay if we visit Walnut Creek?

Oak Ridge Inn

The Oak Ridge Inn is a small inn located on 5 acres of land handpicked by the owner, for its view and location. Each of their rooms is unique and each features a different wood theme.



Website: <http://www.oakridgeinn-walnutcreek.com/index.html>

The Carlisle Inn

The Carlisle Inn has a quaint and beautiful character, and is a wonderful place to stay while visiting Walnut Creek. It offers guests a remarkable view of the Ohio countryside while enjoying the simple pleasures of Amish country.



Website: <http://www.dhgroup.com/en/seg/inns.php>

Why would I want to visit this historic small town?

Walnut Creek is a place the whole family can take a vacation to, or it can be a nice quiet get away. I have been to Coblenz Chocolates in Walnut Creek before, and even though I was not very old, I thought it was so much fun. I got to tour the factory where they made the chocolates and the best part was I got to eat chocolate! My parents have visited Walnut Creek a few times and stayed at the Carlisle Inn, and have enjoyed it very much. Walnut Creek is a great small town for anyone to visit!

Links you may wish to visit:

<http://www.coblentzchocolates.com/>

<http://www.walnutcreekohio.org/index.html>

<http://www.dhgroup.com/en/wc/>

<http://www.dhgroup.com/en/seg/inns.php>

<http://www.oakridgeinn-walnutcreek.com/index.html>

<http://www.dhgroup.com/en/seg/restaurants.php>

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