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Located five miles
west of Arcola,
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GETAWAY FOR A DAY
In the heart of Illinois Amish Country
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NINTH ANNUAL Railsplitting Days

ROCKOME GARDENS ARCOLA, ILLINOIS



May 21, 22, 28, 29,
June 4, 5, 11, 12, 1977

You will hear the sounds of the woodsman's axe and maul fill the air during your special visit to Rockome Gardens this spring. Railsplitting Days features log sawing with horse power, railsplitting, rail fence making, and old-fashioned shingle sawing with steam power.

Unlike spring on the farm more than fifty years ago, when everyone was expected to lend a hand, you won't have to help. Just crowd up close and watch. There will be old-timers around to explain the machinery and to reminisce about their own youthful experiences on the farm.

And, as the wood chips fly, think back to the days when Abraham Lincoln split rails for his father Tom's farm not far away in Macon County. The rails you see being split will be used for fencing at Rockome Gardens.

Craftsmen from Illinois and Indiana will demonstrate such crafts as blacksmithing and harness making, pottery making, chair caning, candlemaking, rug weaving, glass blowing, quilting, and many others. And don't miss the homemade corn meal being stone ground at Yoder's Grist Mill.



POINTS OF INTEREST

In Arcola:

Dutch Kitchen Restaurant

Rockome Store (famous Dutch Cheese)

Amish Hitch Rack

In Arthur:

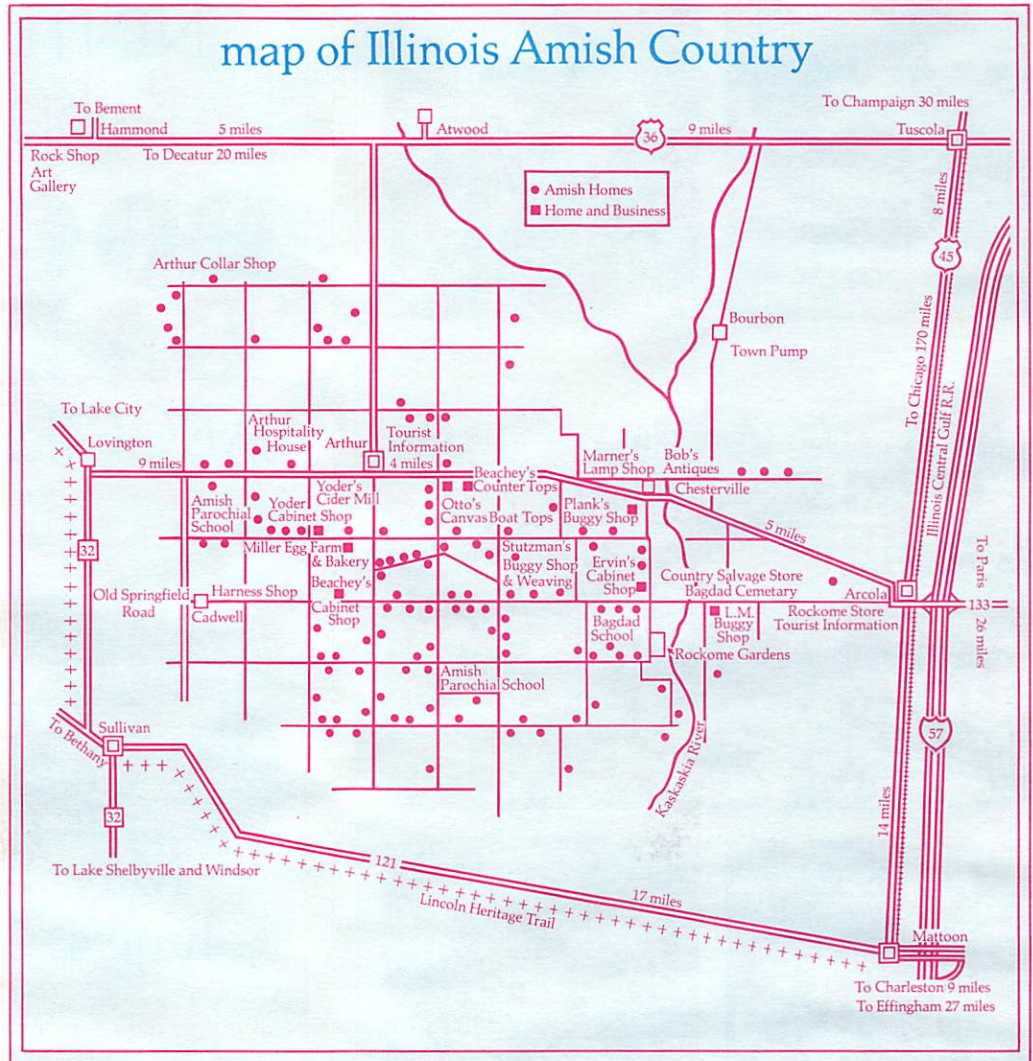
Arthur Farm Market

Arthur Sale Barn (sale every Thursday)

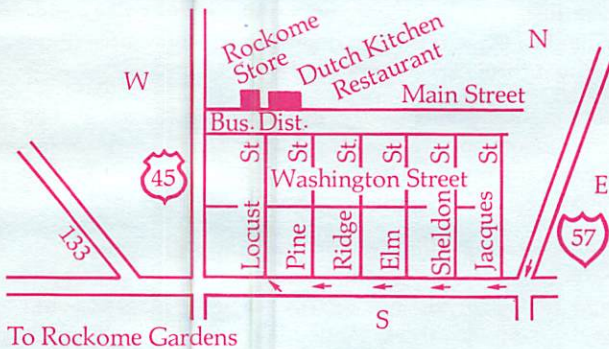
Amish Hitch Rack

In Cadwell:

General Store



directional map of Arcola, Illinois



As a part of your Rockome Gardens visit, plan to drive through the Illinois Amish country. You'll see Amish families living and working as their forefathers have for generations.

You will see windmills and tall, square wooden water towers, family buggies, and bountiful gardens and orchards. You may see Amish men farming with their teams of huge Belgian horses, unless it is a Sunday when the Amish are at church.

The Amish are a religious sect originally from Germany and Switzerland. Friendly and hard-working, they prefer not to be photographed. As you drive, please be cautious. Amish buggies travel more slowly than you may realize. As you slow to pass, give our neighbors a friendly wave.

Before you turn for home, enjoy a good Dutch meal at Rockome's Family-Style Restaurant or at the Dutch Kitchen on Main Street in Arcola. And, while in Arcola, pick up some Dutch cheese and unique gifts at the Rockome Store.