

Crafts Festival



You'll find crafts demonstrations in rustic settings at various locations throughout Rockome Gardens.

Horse Farming Days



Six matched belgians gang plowing during Horse Farming Days.

ROCKOME GARDENS

Rt. 2, Arcola, Illinois 61910

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FIVE MILES WEST OF ARCOLA,
JUST OFF INTERSTATE 57
In the Heart of the

Illinois Amish Country



EIGHTH ANNUAL

Horse Farming Days

and SEMI-ANNUAL CRAFTS FESTIVAL
at

ROCKOME GARDENS & OLD BAGDAD TOWN

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Sept. 24,25,26, Oct. 1,2,3,8,9,10, 1976



Begun in 1968 in celebration of the Illinois sesquicentennial, Horse Farming Days at Rockome Gardens is now an annual festival, attended by thousands.

Demonstrations of old-fashioned harvest tasks and frontier Illinois crafts highlight the six-day festival, held the last Friday and Saturday of September and the first two Fridays and Saturdays of October. Daily events include threshing with teams of horses, threshing with steam engines, gang plowing and disking with teams of six horses, sulky plowing with a team of three, silage cutting, and grinding with horse power. Walking plow and corn shucking contests each morning and afternoon challenge visitors' skills as pioneer farmers.

Craftsmen from Illinois and Indiana demonstrate a wide variety of frontier crafts, such as blacksmithing and harness making, pottery making, chair caning, candlemaking, rug weaving, corn grinding, glass-blowing, gunsmithing, and many more. This semi-annual crafts festival is also held in May, in conjunction with Railsplitting Days.

Map of the Illinois Amish Country



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

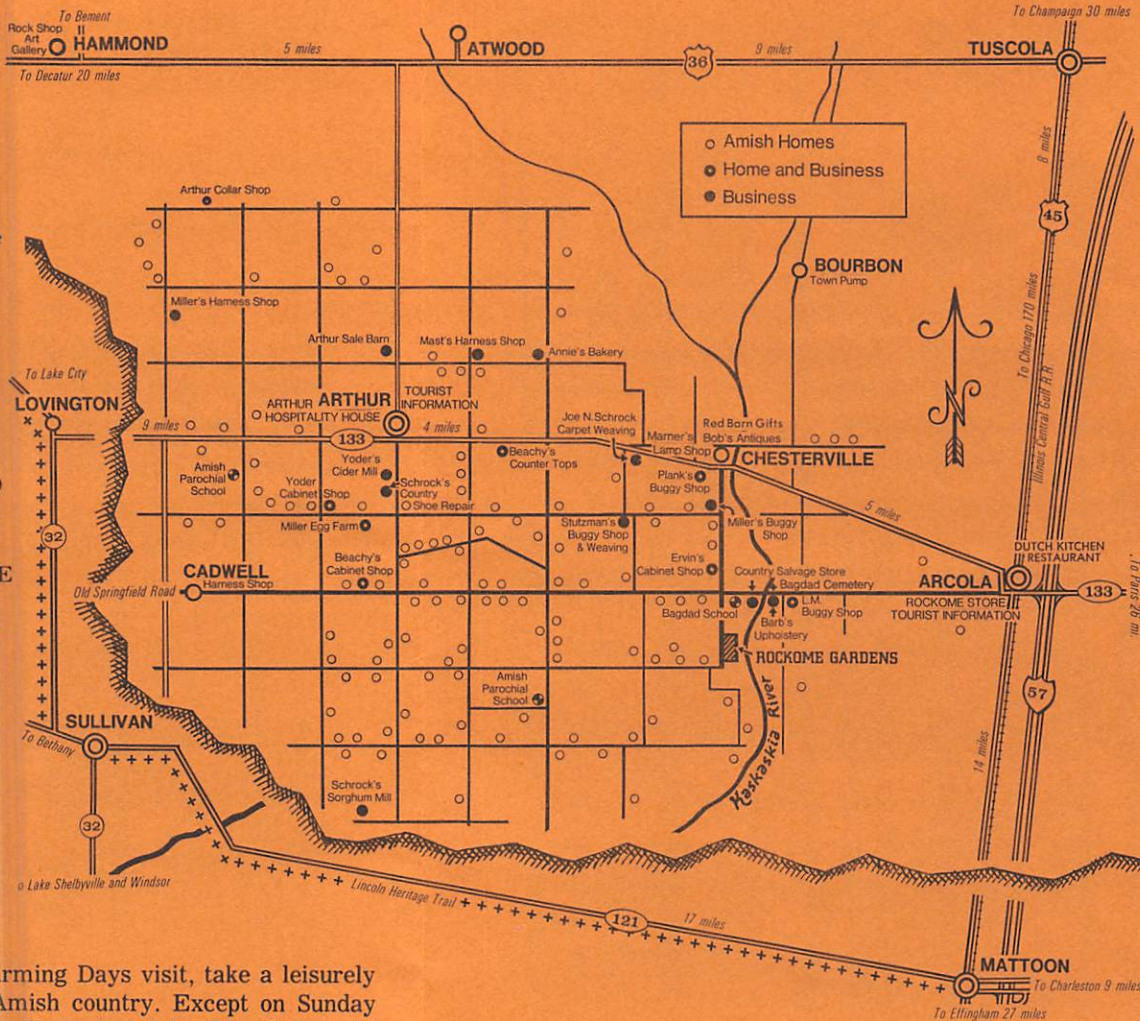
IN ARCOLA

Dutch Kitchen Restaurant
 Rockome Store
 Famous Dutch Cheese Available
 (Tourist Information)
 Amish Hitch Rack

IN ARTHUR

Amish Hitch Racks
 Arthur Farm Market
 Arthur Sale Barn
 (Every Thursday)
 Sugar Bowl Cafeteria

FOR GROUP TOUR GUIDE INFORMATION, WRITE:
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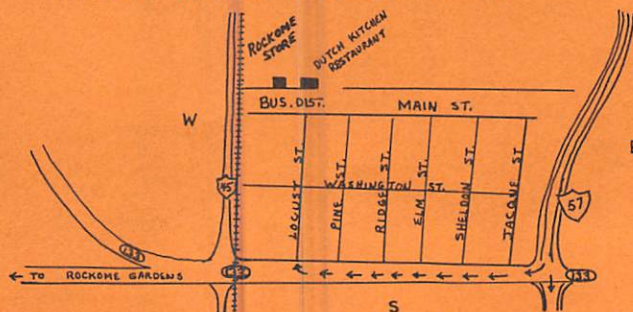


As part of your Horse Farming Days visit, take a leisurely drive through the Illinois Amish country. Except on Sunday (when they have church), you'll see Amish families, living and working as their forefathers have for generations. Watch for Amish men farming with teams of huge work horses. You'll see windmills and wooden water towers (tall, square buildings), big barns and buggies, and other features of Amish life. But, as you drive, please be cautious. The buggies travel more slowly than you may realize. Please give them a little extra distance, a little

more time to maneuver, and, give the folks a friendly wave. The Amish are a religious sect, friendly and hard-working.

For a good Dutch meal before returning home, visit the Dutch Kitchen, on Main Street in Arcola. And pick up some Illinois Dutch cheese and fine gifts at the Rockome Store.

DIRECTIONAL TO MAIN ST. ARCOLA



Threshing with steam engines at Horse Farming Days.