

Adams Mill, Inc.

Help preserve and promote Adams Mill, an historic 1845 grist mill and museum of Americana, located on the Wild Cat Creek in Carroll County near Cutler, Indiana

Membership for Calendar Year

- Individual \$10
 Couple \$15
 Family \$20
 Lifetime \$500
 \$500 now
 \$100 now; \$100 next 4 years
 Additional Donation \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Volunteers...

I'm interested in donating my time to help Adams Mill.
Please add me to your volunteer list.

- Grounds Maintenance and Construction
 Weekend staffer
 Promotion and Fundraising
 Tour guide

Method of Payment

- Check (Payable to Adams Mill, Inc.)
 Bill me (Lifetime membership \$100 per year to \$500 total)
May we recognize your donation in our newsletter? Yes No

Signature for lifetime membership pledge

Name (Please Print)

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Directions to Adams Mill...



⇒ **From Lafayette...** Take SR 26 east past Rossville to SR 75, then north to 500 S, then east to E 75 S following the Adams Mill signs.

⇒ **From Frankfort...** Take SR 75 north past SR 26 to 500 S, then east to E 75 S following the Adams Mill signs.

⇒ **From Logansport...** Take SR 29 south to CR 500 S, then west to E 75 S following the Adams Mill signs.

⇒ **From Kokomo...** Take US Hwy 31 S to SR 26, then west to SR 75, then north to 500 S, then east to E 75 S following the Adams Mill signs.

Open Saturday & Sunday 1-5 p.m.

May – October

Group tours available on request

765-268-2500

Tent Camping • Cabin Rentals • Tube Rentals
Weddings • Reunions

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Adams Mill is a beautiful 1845 grist mill located east of Cutler in scenic southeastern Carroll County between Kokomo and Lafayette. The mill was built by John Adams and powered by Wildcat Creek. A small village called Bolivar sprang up around the Mill, and in 1850 the govern-

ment granted the Wildcat Post Office which was housed on the second floor. The Wildcat Masonic Lodge 311 was one of two lodges to be started in a mill in Indiana. Members met on the third floor from 1864 to 1867.

The Mill is a prime example of post and beam construction common to 19th century agricultural structures in Indiana. No nails were used in the original framework, only wooden pegs. Posts and hand-hewn beams are made of walnut, and the joists are of oak. All the lumber was harvested locally. Finely-ground cake flour was a specialty of Adams Mill until commercial milling ceased in 1952 by order of the State Health Department. The vast majority of the original machinery is still operational, but since the 2003 flood, water power is no longer available to run the mill.



Many period pieces of various kinds of machinery, tools, and artifacts are also housed in the Mill, making it a museum as well. Adams Mill is on the National Register of Historic Places. On the Adams Mill grounds are also tent and cabin



camping, fishing, canoeing, hiking, tubing, and other opportunities.

The adjacent Adams Mill Covered Bridge is a fine restored example of an 1872 Howe truss structure, and it is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Across the road are a DNR public access site and also the Oxbow Natural Area with a one-mile nature trail and hiking area. Nearby is the Wildcat Creek Bed and Breakfast, and the Lancaster Covered Bridge and several historic iron bridges are also in the vicinity. The Mill area is a favorite for bikers, canoeists, and kayakers.



Adams Mill, Inc. has been formed by a group of preservation-minded citizens of Carroll County, Indiana, with the purpose of acquiring, preserving, and maintaining as a cultural resource the historic 1845 Adams Mill on Wildcat Creek near Cutler, Indiana. The Mill has been in private hands since its construction by early settler John Adams, and it operated as a working mill until 1952. Since that time, the Mill and grounds have been maintained, and for many of those years, the Mill has been open to the public, on weekends in the warm months, and made available as a museum. School groups and others have toured, hosted by the owners and volunteers. In 1984, Adams Mill and 1.3 acres of its grounds were listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The present owners are in the position of needing to sell the Mill its ten acres of grounds. Adams Mill, Inc. formed to work with the private owners of the Mill toward the goal of putting the Mill and grounds into a public trust. Adams Mill, Inc. has a Board of Directors and officers. It has adopted by-laws and is established as an Indiana nonprofit corporation. Adams Mill, Inc. has applied to the U. S. Internal Revenue Service for status as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. When granted, that will allow all contributions to be tax-deductible within the extent of the law.

The intention is to preserve the Mill and its grounds and structures, restore the Mill to operational status, and make it and the grounds available to the public for educational and recreational purposes.

In addition to Mill tours and educational programs, Adams Mill, Inc. plans to continue rental of tent camping spaces as well as three small cabins. We will also make the grounds available for weddings, reunions, craft

fairs, historic re-enactments, and other gatherings which have traditionally happened here for many years.

We will cooperate with the Wildcat Creek Foundation in promoting use of the nearby Oxbow Natural Area and support their Celebrate the Wildcat festival which is held each June at the Mill. We will also work with the Wildcat Guardians to promote the recreational use of the Wildcat Creek in the area and with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources which operates a fishing area and parking lot adjacent to the Mill.

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Formed in December 2009, Adams Mill, Inc. has the following purpose:

- Preserving historic Adams Mill and its surrounding grounds and structures;
- Restoring structures to operational status;
- Recruiting volunteer staff to open the Mill and grounds to the public;
- Maintaining the grounds;
- Working with other organizations which are interested in the Cutler, Wildcat, or Oxbow area to coordinate programs and projects;
- Planning programs, materials, and special events to educate the public about the history and significance of the area;
- Promoting knowledge and use of the facilities through the region.

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